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Keith Meinhold

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Navy Reinstates Gay Sailor

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LOS ANGELES - The Navy said November 10 it would comply with a federal judge's second order demanding it reinstate Chief Petty Officer Volker Keith Meinhold, discharged after announcing on national television that he is gay.

U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter ordered the Navy to reinstate Meinhold, 30, who was discharged after announcing he was gay on an ABC World News Tonight program May 19.

"The Navy will comply with Judge Hatter's ruling," Navy spokesman Lt. Tom Van Leunen said.

On November 6, Hatter ordered the Navy to reinstate Meinhold until his lawsuit challenging the Defense Department's ban on gays and lesbians in the military is resolved. But when Meinhold returned to duty November 9 at Moffett Field, he was turned away.

"This is not a military dictatorship ... the rule of law applies to all," Hatter told assistant U.S. attorney Marcus Kerner, who represented the Navy.

Meinhold, who did not attend the hearing, said he was "elated" that the judge made the ruling.

"They're going to be wasting an awful lot of money in the Defense Department if they keep fighting this thing," Meinhold said.

Pentagon spokesperson Pete Williams said that the Navy will reinstate Meinhold November 12. He will be sworn in and return to his job as sonar crew operator.

Meinhold has received high performance evaluations throughout his 12-year career in the Navy.

An executive order created an absolute ban on gays and lesbians serving in the military in 1983. President-elect Bill Clinton has said he will rescind the order. ▼

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Alleged Robbery, Car Jacking Reported in Castro District

by Dennis Conkin

A \$1,000 reward has been posted for the arrest and conviction of man who robbed a gay man at knife point and car-jacked his burgundy 1991 Plymouth Accura on November 8.

The suspect in the incident is a white male about 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighing 150 pounds.

"He calls himself John. He's very well built and has a tattoo on his left bicep that is bluish gray with two names on it," Phillip Hogan, the victim of the car-jacking, told the Bay Area Reporter.

Hogan said he met the suspect at around 1 a.m. near Collingwood Park, a well-known gay cruising spot in the Castro district, and they agreed to have sex but tried to find a secluded place to park the car.

According to Hogan, the suspect eventually suggested a parking lot at a Wells Fargo Bank near California and Divisadero streets.

"I pulled into the parking lot and he suggested that we pull clear into the back," Hogan recalled. "I began to feel a little uneasy about it. I didn't like it that it was so secluded and so far away from the Castro."

After they parked, the suspect pulled the keys out of the ignition and told Hogan that he was being robbed.

"He said that he needed \$200 or he was going to stab me. He said that if he didn't get any money that he was taking the car and that he was going to trash the car. I thought if I gave him the money that he'd leave me alone," Hogan said.

"I couldn't get any money from the Wells Fargo machine because I have a Bank America VersaTeller ATM card. I convinced him that we should go to a Bank Amer-



Collingwood Park, the site of a pickup that led to a robbery and car jacking.

(Photo: Scott Martin)

ica VersaTeller."

As Hogan pulled on to Divisadero and began driving down the street toward the Castro, he said that the suspect warned him "not to try to be a hero," but that he tried to locate a police patrol car.

On Divisadero Street, the suspect and Hogan struggled for the control of the car.

"When we came up on Fell Street, I took a sharp right at the gas station. I flung the door open and tried to get the keys out of the ignition. He sped off with the car."

According to Hogan, an alert taxi driver offered him assistance and they tried to chase the thief in the cab, but couldn't keep up with the car.

"I've seen the guy hanging

out in the Castro at the Castro Station and Badlands. He's definitely gay," Hogan said, and conjectured the suspect may have been high on methamphetamine.

"I've filed a police report. Maybe he thinks that I was an easy target because the car had Nebraska tags. The police think that that's why I was picked."

"I've learned a lesson," Hogan said. "I'll never do that again. I'm still shaking."

Hogan's car bore Nebraska license plate number 14AF36.

Anyone with information about the suspect or car should call Inspector Mike Mahoney at the Night Investigations Bureau of the San Francisco Police Department at 553-9182. ▼

SF Gets New Top Cop

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco's new Police Chief Tony Ribera, 47, says the days of "the old boy network" at the Hall of Justice are over with his appointment last week to the \$124,000-a-year post.

Already, Ribera has moved swiftly to send that message through the police department by including Rose Melendez, a lesbian officer, in his personal staff.

Melendez and three other members of the force will serve as Ribera's "eyes and ears," and function as consultants in police administration matters.

Ribera has also announced the appointment of Capt.

Thomas Petrini to the post of deputy chief for field operations, replacing Deputy Chief Fred Lau, who assumes the command of the Investigations Bureau. Deputy Chief Frank Reed has been transferred to deputy chief of Administration.

Ribera, a veteran San Francisco officer stationed for many years at Mission Station, was transferred from the post of captain of the department's fiscal division to captain of Mission Station by former Acting Police Chief Thomas Murphy in October and was then appointed to his new position by Mayor Frank Jordan.

Ribera admitted that the department is disorganized

and sometimes ineffective in providing police services to the city, and said that he will hold his subordinates "accountable for their plans of action and results."

"I'm expecting improvement and I think we can come up with effective plans," he said. "The whole theme of crime control is to make things better for the people that live in this city."

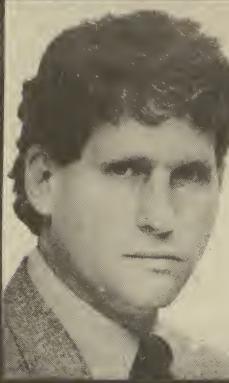
Ribera said that he intends to make minorities, women, and lesbians and gays part of the command structure of his administration, and said that he would continue to "be responsive to concerns of the lesbian and gay community."

Although he said that he

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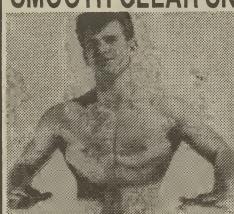
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Community News

High School Student Stands Up For Gay Rights

by David O'Connor

Gay activism goes back to school in the person of Dustin Coupe, a 17-year-old, openly gay student at Castro Valley High School.

Just before last week's election, Coupe was set to take a math test when a friend handed him a letter attacking Bill Clinton for his support of gay rights. The letter had come from another student's parents and was being distributed throughout the school.

"I got frustrated with this thing sitting on my desk like a slap in the face," Coupe said. "It cuts into education, so I took it to Mrs. Karp, the principal, and said, 'This is wrong. It's interfering with education. You need to take a stand!'"

Coupe came out to students and teachers last year during a school workshop on prejudice. Sponsored by a student group called Unity Through Diversity, the workshop included students speaking about their experience as members of minority groups. Coupe told the facilitator, teacher Mike Householder, that he wanted to speak as well.

"When he volunteered, I thought, here's someone with a lot of courage," Householder said. "But his courage was

matched by his composure and ability to speak from his heart and speak to high school students at their level, not speak down to them or talk over their heads either. He talked about what it's like to be a gay student and he spoke from the heart about how good he felt about his lifestyle."

Coupe said he decided to come out after students saw a sticker from the Castro Street Fair in his book bag and started harassing him.

"The whole school was confused," Coupe said about people's attitudes towards gays. "These were the questions I got: 'Why don't you walk funny?' 'Why don't you talk with a lisp?' 'Why don't you bend your wrist?' I try to educate people and show them the difference between *In Living Color* on TV and real-life people."

Coupe is part of a six-member student task force fighting homophobia. The group has urged students and faculty to recognize anti-gay attitudes, and plans are underway for a support group for lesbian and gay students.

Householder said that the group is making progress but he anticipates unfavorable reactions from the Castro Valley community because of the religious right's influence

there.

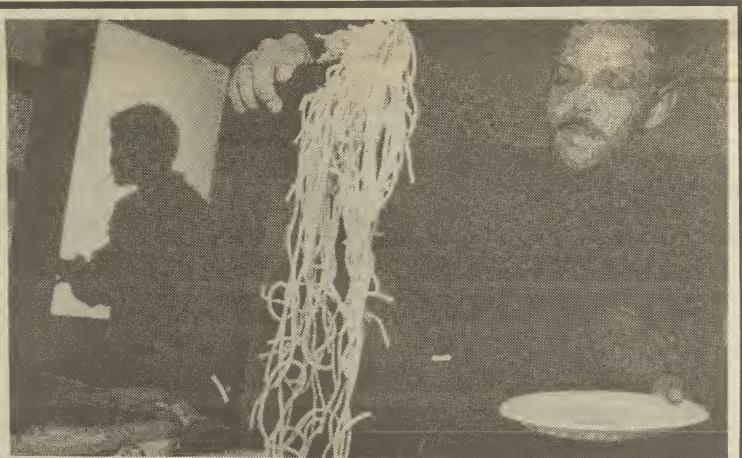
"As a human being and as an educator, when somebody comes up to me and says, 'I have people calling me names all day long and I can't take it anymore,' if he [Dustin] can put up with that sort of grief all day long, what can I be afraid of?" Householder said. "He's a role model for me."

Carpe said that harassment from other students has decreased since he started talking about being gay. And teachers have allowed him to post ACT UP posters in classrooms.

After meeting with Carpe, the principal called on teachers to stop the anti-Clinton letter from circulating in the school.

"Since I've been standing up, we've noticed a decrease in discrimination, in people saying things — they keep it to themselves. Only here and there you see it," said Carpe, who still faces occasional taunts.

"Major attitude is what gets me through school this year," he said. "They say, 'Are you a fag?' And I say, 'Why are you looking for a boyfriend?' Then they don't know what to say. They expect me to be afraid and cowering and then that's their chance to attack, but I'm not. I stand up for myself." ▼



Spaghetti Dinner

Michael Martinez serves up a full plate of spaghetti to one of the several hundred veterans and others who attended the Gay Community Services dinner November 8.

Boy Scouts' Role in Elections Questioned

by Dennis Conkin

A policy of the Registrar of Voters that allows San Francisco Boy Scouts to help out at City Hall during local elections has been questioned by Supervisor Carole Migden's office.

Because Boy Scouts discriminate against gay youth by refusing to allow them to be members of the group, they are ineligible for city contracts and city funding.

However, the uniformed members of the anti-gay group have assisted the Registrar's office since 1989 as volunteers. Among their duties,

the troop members carry sealed boxes stuffed with balloons from the steps of City Hall to other locations in the building on election evening.

"They've done that for

about three years," according

to Greg Ridenour, administrative manager of the Registrar's office.

"They're volunteers, not paid workers. I understand there are regulations on contracts, but I'm not sure about regulations covering people volunteering their time."

Nevertheless, says Dana Van Gorder, legislative aide to Migden, "It's completely inconsistent with our nondiscriminatory ordinances as a matter of city policy. I'm sure Carole will speak with Germaine Wong [San Francisco's Registrar of Voters] to make sure that this does not happen again."

"I find it positively disgusting," Queer Scouts founder John Woods tells the *Bay Area Reporter*. "I would urge Germaine Wong to sever the relationship until the Boy Scouts changes their policies about gay members. I urge the mayor and his liaisons to speak to the registrar of voters and inform them that the practice is inappropriate and unacceptable." ▼

Supreme Court Refuses to Hear AIDS Insurance Case

By Greg Henderson
UPI Supreme Court Reporter

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court has agreed that a self-insured company did not violate the law when it gutted health care coverage for an employee with AIDS after learning he had contracted the deadly disease.

Over two dissents, the high court let stand a ruling on November 9 that the Texas company did not violate a 1974 federal law when it reduced its insurance coverage from \$1 million to \$5,000 for those with AIDS.

Currently, more than half of all employees in America are under self-insured plans, which could be affected by the case.

"They're not even aware that under this court's action, their employers are free to change their plans at will," said Evan Wolfson, attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented the employee in this case.

While the high court's refusal to hear the case set no national precedent, it strongly indicates that any such action by employers is allowed under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

An unanswered question, however, is whether a similar employer action would be illegal under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which took effect for most employers in July.

But even if an employer was found to violate the ADA for changing a health plan after a worker was diagnosed with AIDS, it is unclear whether the ADA also would bar companies from making a blanket policy refusing to pay for future cases of AIDS or other diseases.

In addition, the ADA does not apply to companies with fewer than 15 employees.

"It destroys the whole idea of insurance," Wolfson said of the November 9 action. "It applies to any condition, and means that employers are now free to change their plans involving any disease essentially at any moment...citing costs."

Justice Harry Blackmun and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor voted to hear the case, but it takes four votes for a case to be granted review.

The Bush administration had asked the high court not to hear the case, claiming the ADA will address future complaints.

But it could be two years or more before the high court is asked to comment on the ADA's application to such measures.

The case involved a suit against H&H Music Co. of Houston, originally brought by employee John McGann.

McGann claimed discrimination in violation of ERISA after H&H in 1988 changed

its insurance from providing \$1 million in group medical coverage for all workers, to \$1 million in coverage for all workers except those with AIDS.

Coverage was reduced for those with AIDS to a maximum lifetime payout of \$5,000.

H&H changed its policy only after McGann informed the company of his illness. But since it changed its coverage from a group plan to self-insurance, the courts found it was not covered by ERISA.

McGann filed suit in 1989 claiming the reduction in benefits violated section 510 of ERISA, which makes it illegal to "discriminate" against any beneficiary "for exercising any right to which he is entitled under the provisions of an employee benefit plan ...

or for the purpose of interfering with the attainment of any right to which such participant may become entitled under the plan."

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said even if the company's decision to rewrite its coverage discriminated against employees with AIDS, the action did not violate ERISA because a particular insurance plan is not a "vested" benefit that would be protected.

Insurance coverage would be implicated only if H&H had fired McGann to keep him from obtaining promised health coverage, the 5th Circuit said.

McGann, who began working for H&H in 1982, was first diagnosed with AIDS in December 1987. He died June 4, 1991, at age 47. ▼

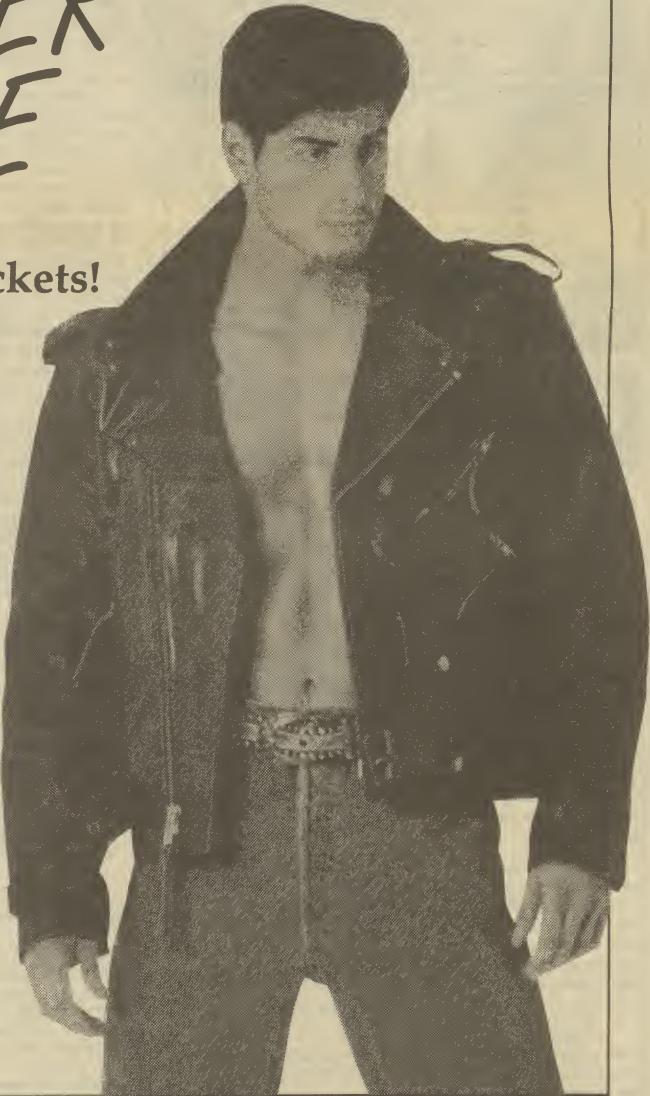


Dorothy Alison and Margaux at a November 7 conference on feminism, activism and art. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

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Election '92

Coloradans File to Stop Anti-Gay Law

by David O'Connor

Colorado activists filed suit in Denver District Court this week to challenge the anti-gay Amendment 2 ratified by voters November 3.

Colorado Legal Initiatives Project (CLIP) wants to prevent enactment of the state constitutional amendment that prohibits laws protecting lesbians and gays from discrimination. Voters passed the measure 53 percent to 47 percent.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund will work with CLIP to fight the amendment, on the grounds that it violates the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which promises equal protection for all people under the law.

CLIP has asked for an injunction preventing the anti-gay measure from going into effect until the case is resolved.

The cities of Denver, Aspen, and Boulder are expected to join CLIP in the court action. All three cities have laws on the books protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination. Those laws would be repealed under Amendment 2.

"This case may set the precedent in the nation and perhaps prevent the group that brought this amendment to Colorado from bringing like amendments in other states," said Patrick Steadman, an attorney with CLIP.

"The passage of this amendment is going to force the courts to confront the question of equal protection for gays and lesbians head on," Steadman said.

CLIP attorney Mary Celeste predicted a long and costly battle before the case is resolved.

"We're prepared, if necessary, to go to the U.S. Supreme Court, and it takes money to get there," Celeste said. "Whichever way this goes at the initial court stage, the other interested parties are going to appeal. I imagine the process as we go will be appealed, appealed, and appealed."

CLIP is calling for contributions. Checks to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund can be sent to PO Box



Colorado Governor Roy Romer and tennis great Martina Navratilova, who spoke out against the anti-gay measure.

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Reactions to vote

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, Colorado Governor Roy Romer and U.S. Representative Pat Schroeder met last week to discuss ramifications of the measure's passage.

"The governor feels badly that it passed, but as Governor of Colorado he has an obligation to see that it's enforced," Romer's press secretary Cindy Parmenter told the Bay Area Reporter. "The governor has urged that we need to begin working in Colorado to understand each other better."

Meanwhile, lesbians and gays across the country are talking of boycotting the state. The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights has decided to move its conference planned for next summer, from its original Denver site to a new location. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund also have canceled Colorado gatherings.

How it passed

Since last week's election, gay activists have received thousands of calls each day regarding the amendment.

Mark Camin, a spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado, said most calls are sup-

portive. He blames the measure's passage on misunderstanding among voters.

"We've gotten tons of calls from people saying they did not understand the wording of the amendment. They thought that by voting yes they were voting for gay rights," Camin said.

Camin said other callers complained about the "special rights" they believed gays and lesbians are demanding.

"I honestly do not believe 53 percent of people in the state support discrimination and hatred," Camin said. "People were confused. We need to educate people better we need people to come out of the closet. People don't realize that their next door neighbor may be a gay or lesbian person," Camin said.

Tea Schook, spokesperson for the Equal Protection Campaign, a group that was fighting the measure, agreed that education needs to continue in the state.

"We need to educate people about the difference between civil rights and their so-called 'special rights' claims, educating about the reality of gay and lesbian lives," Schook said. "And we also intend to get into telling people about what the religious right is really about and how this amendment was just one item on the religious right's long-term agenda for the nation." ▼

Iowa: That's Where Equal Rights Fail

By Glen Gardner

IOWA CITY, Iowa (UPI) - Iowa voters, apparently intimidated by television commercials featuring men kissing, defeated a proposed amendment to the state Constitution that would have guaranteed equality for women.

According to the most recent figures available, 52 percent of the voters said "No" to the proposed Equal Rights Amendment while 48 percent said "Yes." It was the second time the proposition was rejected in the state.

"The exit poll showed 57 percent of Iowa women supported this amendment," said Suzie Robinette, a spokeswoman for the Iowa Women's Equality Campaign. "Iowa women want equality. We are very disappointed that the initiative failed but it was difficult to combat the negative ads and lies of the opposition."

The amendment read: "Neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions shall, on the basis of gender, deny or restrict the equality of rights under the law."

The campaign surrounding the measure was bitter and aggressive. Opponents circulated a letter on the stationary of televangelist Pat Robertson, warning that adoption of the ERA would mean the enactment of a secret, feminist agenda that would lead to the end of the family and the rebirth of "ancient female religions like witchcraft."

The waning days of the campaign saw commercials that urged voters to reject the ballot measure, featuring gay male couples displaying affection for one another. ▼

Elephants in the Wings: Possible '96 GOP Contenders

By David A. Wiessler
UPI Senior Political Editor

WASHINGTON — With the 1992 elections barely over, Republicans are already jockeying for position in the 1996 race.

Even if President Bush had won re-election, he would not have been able to run again in four years, so there would have been a natural party fight for the nomination. But with his defeat November 3, Republicans did not have to wait a respectable amount of time to start going after each other.

And attack they did, pointing fingers and laying blame for Bush's defeat.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas tried to put the best face on the next four years, saying he planned to reach out "to the Ross Perot people, and to Reagan-Bush Republicans, and to independents, and Democrats who are looking for a voice. I want to unify the Republican Party, to bring together a coalition that can have a real impact on national policy."

But that was an easy position for Dole to take since, after seeking his party's nomination twice before, he was not one of those likely to go after the prize in four years.

For others, the 1996 campaign began the day after the votes were counted.

Here is a look at some of the possible candidates in 1996:

Dan Quayle:

More than anyone else, Quayle suffered a blow from Bush's defeat. He had hoped to go into the next presidential race as the sitting vice president, with all the publicity, perks and advantages that brings.

His strengths had been his ties to the conservative wing of the party and all the chits he has collected in campaigning for other Republicans. Bush was able to parlay these advantages into the nomination in 1988, as did Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey before him.

Now he will be just another out-of-office conservative fighting a string of other conservatives for the heart and soul of his party.

However, once the smoke clears, the loss could work in some ways to Quayle's advantage.



Dan Wilson, Pete Quayle ... what's the dif?

tage. He can spend four years running for president, honing his improving campaign style and lining up support in the party.

And a little time away from the unending Vice President Quayle jokes may do wonders.

Still, he will have a great deal of difficulty completely changing a public image of a bumbling lightweight in four years.

Jack Kemp:

Kemp has a passionate following among a segment of the Republican Party, especially among the fiscal conservatives. But he is also liked by others as the conservative with a heart.

For much of the Bush administration, he was kept in the shadows as Housing Secretary, but in the last year he became more prominent as the only spokesman the party could find for such issues as urban affairs.

He should have no trouble maintaining a high profile even out of office.

But Kemp has tried for the top spot before and not made a ripple. There are many indications that while his appeal is deep, it may not be very broad, even among conservatives. And his economic message may seem old hat by 1996.

Pete Wilson:

Once the coming star of the party's moderate wing, the governor of California has fallen on some hard times.

A souring economy brought increased taxes and a budget fight that sent Wilson's approval rating rapidly downward. His situation in

California was so bad he had to skip the Republican National Convention.

But his star could rise again. An improved economy in California could make his beating down the state Legislature a plus in 1996. And Republicans who lost California for the first time in nearly three decades cannot ignore the high electoral prize that state contains.

Besides, Wilson will have fewer competitors from his side of the party than a conservative would.

Pat Robertson:

The television evangelist ran in 1988 and he could do it again, although at 66 he might be getting a little old at a time when the next generation seems to be taking over politics.

His last race also showed that his fundamentalist style of politics might have limited appeal even to party conservatives.

But Robertson and his religious based groups are making major inroads into the party's organization and in four years he could have a much more solid base.

Phil Gramm:

The Texas senator has strong ties to the right wing as well as the fiscal conservatives. Plus he is amassing a

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Mixed Results in Texas

United Press International

DALLAS — Voters defeated a Dallas judge who was openly gay, but tossed out another jurist who drew censure in 1988 for his bigoted comments about gays.

Former Assistant District Attorney John Nelms defeated State District Judge Jerry Birdwell, the first openly gay judge in Dallas County. There were mixed opinions on why Birdwell lost his re-election bid.

Nelms said flatly it was because of Birdwell's sexual orientation. "A number of people disapprove of that," he said.

County Democratic Chairman Ken Molberg disagreed that Birdwell's gay status was a factor and attributed it to other reasons.

Dallas voters also defeated State District Judge Jack Hampton, who drew criticism four years ago when he gave a lighter sentence to a murderer because he said the victims were "queers." Hampton was censured for his remarks by the state Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Hampton was challenging Judge Barbara Rosenberg for Place 5 on the Court of Appeals in Dallas. Rosenberg defeated Hampton with 51 percent of the vote. ▼

Protection for Lesbians, Gays: That's The Maine Thing

By David O'Connor

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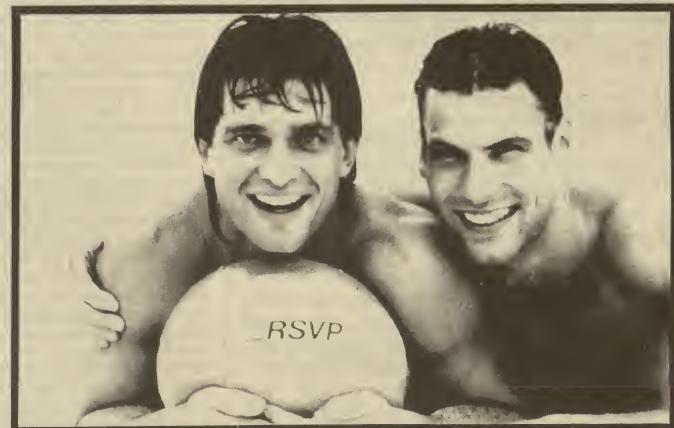
"We were successful in presenting a community-wide face," Garrity said. "And national attention on our local campaign reminded people that the outcome of this election would color the perception of Portland in the minds of people across the country."

"Finally, we sought from the very start to focus the campaign on the issue of ending discrimination rather than even discuss the issue of human rights," Garrity said.

Despite the outcome in Maine, Garrity predicts the national battle over gay rights is only beginning.

"One problem is that the gay community is not organized nationally to fight these campaigns," he said. "We are all going to be fighting the same campaign. It's one organization coming after us with local fronts — they are simply facades for the 'Christian' Coalition. We've only seen the first act in Maine." ▼

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Editorial

Kicking a Lame Duck

A former Republican we know, who still tries to maintain a bit of dignity after having voted for 12 years of repression and regression, recently told us he found it unseemly that we would "kick a lame duck," meaning George Bush. For some reason, he thinks we ought to let bygones be bygones and let "bye, George" be enough.

Forget it.

George Bush is not going to go softly into that cold, dark, Kennebunkport night and everyone knows it. One of his first acts as president after being whupped by Clinton was to kill important legislation, and his insidious influence can be plainly seen in the recent action — or, more precisely, *inaction* — by the Supreme Court, which has potentially stripped half of America's working citizens of insurance.

As the *Bay Area Reporter* reported three weeks ago, it was the Bush administration's fervent and stated hope that the so-called High Court would refuse to hear the insurance case in question. His labor department, it is said, felt that giving the case a hearing would send a message to employers that they must keep their promises — and value their employees. For a Republican administration, the notion of being held to promises is, of course, anathema.

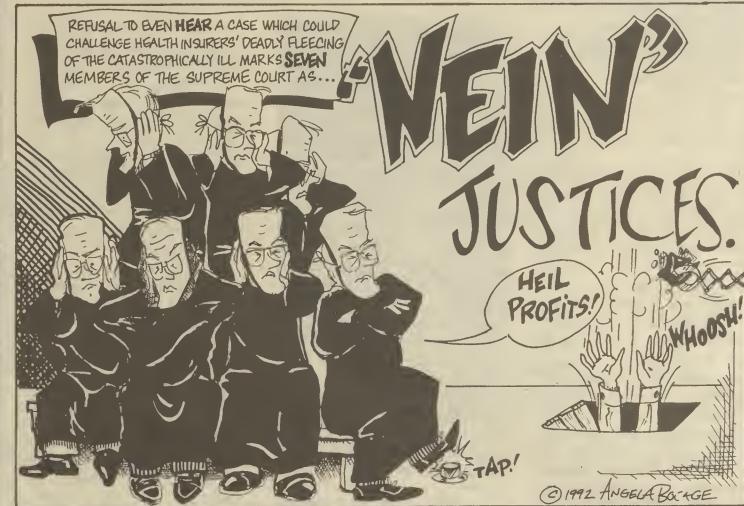
As is often said, sometimes not deciding is deciding. It was so with the Supreme Court when it decided to not hear the case. That let the lower court's ruling stand, and that in turn destroyed the entire concept of health insurance. No hearing, no thanks, no way. They don't care what happens to people with AIDS. They never have.

Of course, they have insurance, and the government upon which to depend if they get a catastrophic disease, or even a hangnail. They're safe. "I got mine, Jack. Screw you." It's a pretty unseemly attitude for men who demand to be called "Justices."

We say "men," because Sandra Day O'Connor (along with Harry Blackmun) wanted to hear the case. The others, all of whom were appointed by Republican presidents, were not interested, or else were bought off by the Bush administration. They should be damned ashamed.

So obviously, the Bush presence is still very much alive in America. Those men he and Reagan put on the bench will be there long after George and Barbara have retired to unnecessarily ostentatious digs to live the rest of their lives in ease and comfort. It's the rest of us who will suffer for it. And for that reason we will continue to kick that lame duck, until he finds a way to repay America and Americans for all he stole.

Until then, we wish for him all that he wishes for us. ▼



Guest Opinion

Victory, Optimism — and Hard Work

by Daniel T. Bross
Executive Director, AIDS Action Council

The election of Bill Clinton as president signals the end of an era marked by the emergence of a new, fatal, epidemic illness striking those deemed expendable by the two administrations in power. This has meant that those of us fighting AIDS have spent all of the AIDS years — a dozen of them — demonstrating, shouting, arm-twisting, cajoling, begging, and exhorting. It's been exhausting and dispiriting. The wins have been few and the losses can't be counted.

So, following Clinton's victory, we all deserve to enjoy the hope and cautious optimism a new administration brings. Clinton's victory is in part due to the support he received from the AIDS and gay and lesbian communities. We have a right to expect a new era where our government will be working with us — not against us — to achieve a compassionate and effective response to AIDS. And just as importantly, we have a right to expect that some of our own will actually be on the inside helping to make federal policy.

With this new access to the government comes a new responsibility for the AIDS community: After 12 long years of telling the government what it's doing wrong, we must tell the administration how to do it right — in a fairly detailed way. This requires that the AIDS community position itself differently. AIDS Action is doing just that by reorganizing to assure our policy development and analysis are as strong as our policy critique has been. We will increase our activity, visibility, and, one hopes, our influence on Capitol Hill.

To start that process, AIDS Action, with our colleagues in the coalition National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), has articulated for the president-elect more than a dozen recommendations on how AIDS policy should be structured and implemented. For the

AIDS community, the Clinton administration's response to the epidemic should be guided by three principles: commitment to a partnership with the AIDS community, commitment to integrating HIV issues into the larger health care programs of the nation, and commitment to providing the fiscal resources needed to fight this epidemic.

Among many steps that Clinton could take to show that a new approach to the epidemic is being initiated, the following would be particularly dramatic and concrete:

- Before inauguration, appoint a special transition task force to plan implementation of key HIV policy recommendations upon taking office January 20. Among this task force's assignments should be identifying which of the National Commission on AIDS recommendations can be implemented immediately upon taking office.

- Announce on December 1, World AIDS Day, that upon taking office, the immigration ban on people with HIV will be lifted. Clinton can direct the Justice Department and the Department of Health and Human Services to rescind the ban, bringing the United States in line with international opinion.

- Announce the appointment of a domestic adviser to the president on HIV issues. This person would be the president's eyes and ears on AIDS issues throughout the nation and in the federal government.

- During the transition process, when appointments are made to key positions, make it clear that people with HIV are welcome to work in this administration. Clinton must provide clear direction to his transition team that the expertise of people with HIV is not limited to HIV-related policy. In addition, Clinton must assure that all appointees to health posts share his approach on AIDS.

- In his first few weeks in office, President Clinton must reverse George Bush's pattern of

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Letters

Anti-Catholicism?

The Editor's Note to the Oct. 15 letter from Monsignor John J. O'Connor, the pastor of Mission Dolores, is a shocking example of anti-Catholicism.

People of good will — regardless of religious beliefs, sexual orientation, etc. — will differ concerning Proposition 161. This proposition's merits or demerits have no direct relationship to homosexuality or to gay rights.

I signed the petition to put this question on the ballot, but after reading the feature article on Prop. 161 in the current issue of *Commonweal*, I think 161 is socially dangerous because of its lack of safeguards. Most doctors and nurses are ethically opposed to including human execution among their professional duties. If passed, "doctors of death" will specialize in killing off Californians, many of whom may be pressured to end their lives by unprincipled relatives and friends.

Msgr. O'Connor's letter argued the pro-life Roman Catholic philosophy of the natural moral law.

The B.A.R.'s editor needs to know that the money raised to defeat Prop. 161 in second collections or at collection tables outside the Roman Catholic parish churches is quite legal. No parishoner was forced to contribute against his or her will, and, as Msgr. O'Connor argued, no money contributed to the support of the parish church in the main collection during Mass went to support Prop. 161.

Finally, with a few exceptions — principally the domestic partnership question — Roman Catholic bishops, priests, nuns and brothers have usually politically supported civil liberties for homophile persons in the United States — such as Archbishop William J. Levada of Oregon, relative to Oregon's Measure 9.

James F. Gibbons
San Leandro, CA

A Friend in the White House

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our community for the overwhelming mandate it gave to Bill Clinton on Nov. 3.

Since the beginning of this year, I have worked on his campaign in several areas: serving as Area Coordinator for tabling in the Castro; Chairperson of the Gay/Lesbian Outreach Committee, and as a member of the San Francisco Steering Committee. I have stood with Bill Clinton in his tremendous drop in the polls, and finally, to the Democratic National Convention and the resurgence that followed.

I have met and talked with many of you at our table at 18th & Castro, at our booths at the street fairs and at other events as well. It has been such a rewarding and growing experience for me personally, and I thank you all for that.

I am especially grateful for the friendships I have made with those of you from Arkansas, who know Bill and Hillary Clinton personally. The stories you have shared with me have left me certain of who he is and where his heart and compassion lie. I feel our community has a true friend in the White House at last.

I share the hope and joy our community feels as a result of this election. The 12 years of darkness that have reigned over us have brought endless pain and suffering to far too many of us. There is so much to be done, but, at long last, the process can begin with President Clinton on January 20.

Bob Kane
San Francisco

Crate & Barrel Not Homophobic

I was disappointed by the writing and editing which raised several misconceptions in the article, "Fired for Piercing" appearing in your Oct. 29 edition.

Why did anyone reading the article have to read through 2½ columns of what essentially was a free advertisement for the Gauntlet to get to the material which was headlined? I doubt any of your readers who are interested in, or are considering body piercing, aren't aware of the Gauntlet's services. Also, a quick walk down Castro Street confirms people are piercing more than their ears these days.

As a gay man who is a Crate & Barrel employee, I take exception with the reporting of the "firing." I felt the article implied that Crate & Barrel is homophobic. Our store and corporate management is very supportive of its gay employees. Sexual preference has nothing to do with being hired or with promotability. I have never worked for a more accepting employer.

Crate & Barrel has also supported AIDS organizations around the country. The corporation matched dollar for dollar, the contributions raised by employees for AIDS Walks in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The company's contribution in California was well over \$15,000. Similar contributions have been made to AIDS organizations in Chicago and Boston.

To create a feature story around someone who probably didn't use the best of judgement and to use that story to imply that his former employee is homophobic (when in fact that employer has many gay employees and customers) seems irresponsible to me.

John B. Minnick
San Francisco

Correction

The letter regarding the End Up in last week's issue should not have been attributed to Deborah Muir. According to Muir, the letter was submitted on behalf of all End Up employees.

Disliked Editorial

I am writing in response to your editorial, "Extreme Unctuousness" (Oct. 1). While your Catholic bashing tone would be expected, I take exception to some of your generalizations and innuendos.

"The Roman Catholic Church opposes the measure (Prop. 161) because it violates some of their dearly held theological beliefs." True. Among those is that only the creator of life has the right to take away the life of the innocent. To arrogate the right to ourselves would be an offense against the dignity of the human person. The Roman Catholic Church also fears that passage of the proposition would create killing as a new contagious disease, not easy to stop once unleashed in society.

A decade into the epidemic we do need to speak of the enormous pain and suffering experienced by people. We need not only to speak about it. We need to take advantage of available methods to control and alleviate pain and suffering. We need to continue searching for ways to do so more effectively. Killing the terminally ill is not the answer!

For over 100 years Catholic healthcare institutions have witnessed alternative ways of dealing with pain and suffering. Chaplains and other caregivers keep vigil with the dying and struggle to find ways of helping people to be comfortable. The value and dignity of the human person, no matter what the medical condition, is the primary concern.

I agree that the Church feels oppressive and abusive to many of us who are gay and lesbian; however, please do not sweep all the clergy into that category. Some of us are compassionate and loving as well!

Fr. Kevin F. Tripp,
Director, Chaplaincy Services Dept.
St. Mary's Hospital & Medical Center
San Francisco

Priest Seeks Pen Pal

I am interested in forming contact with fellow gay clergymen who are living in San Francisco. Also if possible I would like to form contact with other clergymen who are living with HIV/AIDS and are still involved in the church as priests/ministers.

I am a young Australian priest living in Sydney. I am a gay man living with AIDS-related conditions (diagnosed HIV antibody positive in 1985).

I am keen to correspond with clergymen who are openly gay also with HIV-infected clergymen as I seem at the moment to be the only ordained priest in my position within Australia. They can write to me at P.O. Box 936, Darlinghurst, N.S.W. 2010, Australia.

Rev. Father Wayne Wright, J.P.
Sydney, Australia

Dear SF Leather People

On behalf of the New Zealand leather community and our sponsors of the Mr. New Zealand Drummer contest, I would like to thank you all for the friendship and assistance extended to us during our participation in San Francisco's Leather Pride Week and the International Mr. Drummer finals.

In particular, I would like to use your pages to thank some of those people we have not been able to thank directly: Frank Strona, Lupe Rosenbaum, Mister Marcus, Irwin Kane, Hyder of Drummer, Shadow Morton, Dale and Alan Selby. We also wish to thank all the men and women who created, organized and executed the contest and the huge number of people who made us feel so welcome. Thank you!

And congratulations on getting your state's anti-discrimination bill passed!

Nick Barber
Mr. New Zealand Drummer
Auckland, New Zealand

Positive Transformation

The following letter was sent to Karen Wegmann, President of Wells Fargo Foundation, San Francisco.

Thank you for taking a stand for real family values such as love, compassion, honesty, acceptance, diversity, equality, justice, etc.

Thank you for taking a stand against bigotry, hatefulness, divisiveness, repression, oppression, prejudice, etc.

I have closed my checking account with Security Pacific Bank and I have opened one with Wells Fargo to make a statement. That statement is: "I will not tolerate nor support those who accept (or cave in to) discriminatory practices and right wing bigotry."

My account is modest, but be assured I will also encourage all my family members and associates to follow suit.

The prejudicial practices of the Boy Scouts of America are creating an atmosphere of animosity that promotes violence, hatred, suicide and deep emotional scars for countless Americans. This is unacceptable. An end is in sight. The American people are too compassionate to allow it to continue.

Thank you for being a part of the positive transformation of our society. Respect for the beauty and strength of human diversity is growing because people care.

Richard K. Smith
San Diego, CA

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Letters

Deadly Tobacco

Great coverage in your recent article entitled "Hokey Smokes - The Last Drag." It was a pleasure to read informative content regarding the deadly topic of tobacco. All too often I hear or read about the alcohol, drugs and/or diseases threatening our community and become frustrated that tobacco remains a hidden killer of gays, lesbians and bisexuals. As Nancy Boutillier correctly states, you can bet the tobacco companies know exactly what they are doing in their increased marketing ploys towards our already vulnerable population.

Readers beware, the tobacco industry is insidious and clever. Recently, I went to a premiere showing of a new lesbian movie, *Claire of the Moon*. It was repugnant to watch the main character, Claire, smoke constantly throughout the entire film. The producer, Nicole Conn, should be ashamed of herself for perpetuating this life-threatening habit to our community. Conn even went so far as to have an entire scene where Claire shares a cigarette with her non-smoking, soon-to-be lover who coughs and chokes on this toxic substance. Following this, they giggle as if they were children exploring a forbidden territory together. I was not surprised in the least when I read in the credits at the end, "Claire's cigarettes provided by" followed by the name of a tobacco company.

Although it is understandable that organizations and artists within our community must be tempted by certain sources of funding, I would encourage everyone to refuse money from companies that make addictive and harmful products. It is inexcusable for any of us to look the other way when we make a decision to accept money in agreement to promote products that kill us. We must make choices that help our community — not harm us!

Terri O'Hara
San Bruno, CA

Support Gay Boycott of Colorado

On Nov. 3, 1992, the people of the State of Colorado passed the following amendment to the State Constitution:

"Shall there be an amendment to Article II of the Colorado Constitution to prohibit the State of Colorado and any of its political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing any law or policy which provides that homosexual, lesbian or bi-sexual orientation, conduct or relationships constitutes or entitles a person to claim any minority or protected status, quota preferences or discrimination?"

A yes vote would legalize discrimination against the gay community, a "no" vote would not. The amendment passed by 54 percent to 48 percent.

This amendment also rescinds provisions in the city charters of Aspen, Denver and Boulder which protects the rights of the gay community. These laws were voted in by the people of these cities, however they are now repealed thanks to the passage of the above amendments.

Lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of this amendment are being filed on Nov. 6, however in the meantime, the amendment stands. Until it is overturned, we are asking everyone outside of Colorado, both gay and straight, to boycott all products, services and entertainment that is in any way associated with the state of Colorado and let it be known why you refuse to deal with Colorado products. Cancel your skiing in Colorado, reschedule any conferences you might have here and offer support to the many gay organizations that are fighting this hate attitude.

The amendment was sponsored by Will Perkins, a fundamentalist "christian" who heads up a group called Colorado for Family Values (CVF). He also owns a Chrysler dealership in Colorado Springs. Thinking about buying a Chrysler product? — think again.

The full force of gay economic power must now be focused against the state which voted in hate and discrimination. If it can happen here, it can happen in your city/town/state. Already other fanatical hate groups are calling Perkins now to organize similar campaigns in their communities. Two years ago, while living in Walnut Creek, I observed the same thing in Mashore's ravings. It's closer to home than you think.

Please help your family members in Colorado with any support you can muster. Use your imagination and thank you.

Peter Wise
Colorado Springs, CO

Without A Net

Tim Farrell's advance piece on Theatre Rhino's *Without A Net* was appreciated for its good intentions. However, some of its errors should be corrected and items omitted should be called to attention.

Stanley Eichelbaum wrote a short piece for the show; he does not "deliver" it as Farrell reports, and he is not "also in the cast" as the editorial caption below the accompanying photo suggests. Also, the sketch "Bag Lady" was written by Phyllis Lyon as well as Del Martin, and neither are they "also in the cast." Friends who come expecting to see them will be disappointed. It should be made clear that the three of them are not performers in the production.

None of us is perfect and we all make mistakes. One thing all reporters have to learn sooner or later, however, is that they have to get the facts straight and each story or review must contain information which is significant to the largest number of readers.

Dean Goodman
San Francisco

More Than a Bank Exec's Wife

I was disappointed to read your only description of me in a recent *Bay Area Reporter* article headline as "BofA Exec's Wife."

I speak as Barbara Rosenberg, life credentialed teacher; Barbara Rosenberg, member of the board of the Fort Mason Foundation; Dr. Barbara Rosenberg with an advance degree in Public Administration; Barbara Rosenberg, Trustee of Brandeis University; Barbara Rosenberg, supporter of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

It saddens me deeply to think that you who fight so vigorously for your recognition and identity as gays, lesbians and bisexuals, would deny me my rights as a woman with identity, achievements and opinions of my own.

Barbara C. Rosenberg, Library Commissioner
San Francisco

Ed. Note: Barbara Rosenberg, impressive credentials notwithstanding, failed to return repeated phone calls from the B.A.R. before the above mentioned story was printed. Had she deigned to share her opinions, we would have printed them.

Maybe the Moon

For a moment I thought that the first paragraph of Warren Sonbert's review of Armistead Maupin's latest book, *Maybe the Moon*, had been written by a friend of mine who lives in a quaint little town on the South coast of England. So I sent the review to her to see if she would own up to it. Alas, it was not hers, but she was kind enough to share with me the reactions of her little group of friends in Tilling. I'll pass them on to you, since I suspect that many of your readers also know these folks:

"Oh, how tarsome" — Georgie Pilson

"What a pity. Such a bitter little review. So envious. But we mustn't judge others, must we, and I don't."

— Elizabeth Mapp

"Cut the crap, Sonbert. If you don't get it, don't write about it." — Irene Coles

"Another book by Armistead, and the reviewer didn't like it? Well, there's no accounting for taste, is there? Order a copy for me, will you? I wouldn't miss one of his books." — Olga Bracey

"One is encouraged to hope that the newspaper will hire another reviewer. I have already sent a copy of his delightful new book to my sister, Amelia (the Contessa de Faraglione), who lives on Capri."

— Algernon Wyse

"I must invite Armistead to my next *po di musica*. Of course I agreed with the reviewer completely. I always try to find time, no matter what pressing events occur, to read a little from the classics each day. After lunch. In the original Greek or Latin, of course. He obviously needs more depth, and I think that I can safely say he would absorb some of that here in Tilling." — Mr. Emmeline Lucas (Lucas)

Tom Libby
San Francisco

Ed. Note: Mr. Wyse's remark is nothing less than prescient. He may wish to check our revised list of contributing writers on page six.

Dangerous Cruising

Regarding the "Letter from New York" in the Oct. 22 issue, one has to be a total idiot and probably suicidal to walk around that area of lower mid-town Manhattan where the Spike and Eagle's Nest bars are located (Eleventh Ave. at W. 20th Street) let alone cruise it in the early hours of the morning. That's why all those taxis are lined up in front of the bars.

(And it disturbs me that after such a horrible incident some of the gays, Mr. Colfax included, returned to the park and continued cruising.)

Tony DeRosa
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Gay and Lesbian Victory

Plaudits to the gay and lesbian communities in California and nationwide for a job well done during the past election campaign. Your tireless efforts and dedication are truly commendable. We certainly had significant victories. Although we had minor losses in Florida and Colorado, the good outweighs the bad. It feels so good to see that Democrats did extremely well all around.

We feel proud and strongly reassured that the Democratic Party platform is one of compassion, fairness and equality for all citizens of this country.

We shall continue to be vigilant of those who seek to divide us with their politics of hatred and exclusion. We look forward to working together, straights, gays and lesbians and friendly Republicans as well, with a vision for a society where all members can live and work peacefully. And treat each other as brothers and sisters with kindness and respect regardless of race, religion and/or sexual orientation.

There's still a lot of work to be done in this great country of ours. We shall forge ahead with greater determination, conviction and invigoration to set an example for all the world to follow. In unity, there is strength. We won't let anything or anyone get in our way to prevent us from reaching the goals for a better world.

Again, heartfelt congratulations to all of you out there. And keep up the good work.

Ed Dollar & Erik Wyland
San Francisco

Post-Election Math and Aftermath

Political pundits are claiming that nearly 85 percent of the nation's gay and lesbian vote - Democratic and Republican alike - went to Bill Clinton on November 3rd. In fact, after 15 years of being a political writer (political junkie?) for the *Bay Area Reporter*, I have come in contact with many a gaylesbian political activist of both political parties and in this election not a single Republican in our community ever told me they planned to vote for George Bush. Some gay Republicans (for God only knows whatever reason) said they planned to vote for Bruce Herschensohn (no, they actually said it was a vote against Barbara Boxer) but not one said he or she intended to vote for Bush.

What does the election of Bill Clinton, a moderate Democrat from a small southern state with less than 3 million population, mean to the nation's gay and lesbian community? For starters, those close to the Clinton transition say that in the first 100 days of his administration, President Clinton plans to sign an executive order ending the ban on homosexuals in the military, something George Bush wouldn't even consider doing if we gave him another ten terms in the White House. Also, early in his Administration, Clinton plans to appoint a qualified AIDS "czar" hopefully someone from the medical field, with promised adequate federal funds to wage an "all-out" war against the growing epidemic. This person would be instructed to work closely with the National Commission on AIDS to desperately look for ways to prevent further spreading of the epidemic, rush the development of a vaccine, and yes, even search harder for a cure that could, hopefully, save the lives of the hundreds of thousands of Americans infected with the HIV virus.

The AIDS epidemic, as devastating as it is, was never a priority (most likely not even a concern) of the outgoing Bush administration; indeed, George Bush and his close advisors within the Federal government and the Republican party were true enemies of the nation's gay and lesbian community. Come January 20th, they are no more.

President-elect Clinton is committed to signing a national gay rights bill - a long-overdue bill that will be passed most likely in the next Congress. Outgoing President Bush vetoed not one, but two civil rights bills; can you imagine what he would have done had gay rights legislation ever reached his desk? Indeed, the dark days of the Reagan-Bush government have come to an end for gays and lesbians, and, as a community we can stand tall and take a real measure of credit for helping bring down the government that oppressed us for far too long. Surely, our troubles are not over; there are homophobes out there galore (just take another look at what the majority of Colorado voters did last week) and the fight goes on, but all gays and lesbians - Republicans as well



Diane Feinstein

(Artwork by Jacki Randall)

as Democrats, should take real pride in knowing that we voted for our rights last Tuesday when we voted in overwhelming numbers to rid ourselves of a homophobic President and replaced him with a man who has pledged to be our friend. Former President Bush: I can hardly wait.

Poor Pete

The biggest loser in last Tuesday's California election was not John Seymour, Bruce Herschensohn, or even George Bush - it was a man whose name was not even on the ballot: Governor Pete Wilson. State voters not only rejected Wilson's candidate for retiring Alan Cranston's six-year senate seat (Herschensohn), kicked out his hand-picked interim senator (Seymour) and turned aside George Bush in huge numbers (Wilson was the statewide chair of the Bush re-election campaign), the voters also flatly turned down Wilson's personally-sponsored Proposition 165, a mean-spirited plan that would have slashed welfare benefits and largely boosted the governor's budget powers as well.

Months ago Wilson publicly boasted that, under a reapportionment plan pushed through by his own party, the Republicans would "regain control" of the state Assembly. Instead, Democrats, riding the Clinton-Feinstein tide, actually picked two Assembly seats formerly held by the Republicans and gained one state senate seat. The Wilson reapportionment plan of earlier this year backfired on the Governor, who had refused to negotiate with Democrats over the redrawing of legislative and congressional districts required by the 1990 Census, preferring instead to leave the matter up to the Republican-dominated state Supreme Court.

Democrats also gained five more congressional seats, giving them a 31-26 edge over Republicans in the new California House delegation;

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From Invisible to Inevitable: One Enchanted Evening

by Rachel Pepper

He may not be another Kennedy, but for a generation that never even knew John, Bill's the next best thing. In all my life, I've never voted for a winning presidential candidate, so watching the returns on television was extremely sweet. I screamed aloud as California elected both Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and when I heard Carol Moseley Braun had become the first African American voted into the Senate,

I couldn't take it any more. It was time to get out of the house and let the celebration begin!

With Clinton hovering just thirty electoral college votes from victory, and Ross Perot already calling him the winner, cars began to honk wildly outside my Market Street window. Although the Castro Street celebration had been called for 10 p.m., and it was still before eight, something told me the party had already started. Helmets in hand, Eric's homework be damned,

we headed out the door.

A victory as big as this one does a lot to remind you how sweet the taste of it can be. Especially after fighting so hard against such a hateful regime these past twelve years. Especially when you realize how much our enemies have been enjoying the joyride of our oppression for the past decade. But, it seems, no more!

When we got to the Castro, the streets were already blocked off and filling up with people in the most genuinely celebratory mood I can remember. After all, the first president in history to ever win after courting the gay vote had been elected! Madonna was blasting from a giant sound system, toilet paper hung everywhere, champagne flowed freely, and smiles lit every beaming face. We sang along to "Bye, Bye, Bush," boogied along to "Love Train," and stomped the ground during "These Boots Were Made for Walking." Drag queens waved from second-story windows, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence graced the crowd, American flags flew without being burned, and signs announced, "Hasta La Vista, Asshole!" It was better than Gay Pride and Halloween combined!

Greg Taylor, master party engineer, presided over the festivities, in complete control as usual. Calls to continue queer activism and consign George to "the trash heap of history" kept us riled up in between groovy tunes. Live telephone hookups to Oregon, Tampa, Portland (Maine), and Colorado followed the progress of gay rights legislation on the ballots in those cities and states. Suzanne, from "No on 9" in Oregon, reminded us that "there is a militant homosexual agenda.

and this is it: Equality. Nothing more, nothing less," and thanked San Franciscans for their "emotional and financial support."

We learned that members of our own gay community were leading a mini "Lavender Sweep" here in town. And, to the tune of "Ding, Dong, the Witch is Dead," ACT UP led a funeral procession to honor our dead and burn Bush's effigy, resulting in a glorious bonfire in front of the new Bank of America building.

Gay speakers from Washington told us of the changes already in the air in DC and Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, speaking from Little Rock, reassured us that Clinton has "been educated... Gays are included in the fabric of the United States, and I'm standing here to remind him of it every day." Later on, Achtenberg said that Clinton was well aware of his large queer support, especially in California. Said she who may be about to leave us, "There are more Clinton-Gore signs in the windows of the Castro than any other place on earth, including Little Rock." And to polish it off, Achtenberg flared up the crowd by announcing "We've made ourselves a political inevitability... Clinton has a mandate and we're on the agenda!"

Clinton's speech itself, rasped out in a hoarse whisper that echoed in the temporary stillness of our street, filled even this cynical heart with hope. For once, we could feel included when a politician addressed us as "my fellow Americans." For once, we could feel part of his call for a "new partnership for a new America." For once, we could feel included in this "victory for those who've felt left out and left behind."

And for once we could hear a president announce, only moments after his election to office, that we could expect him to "face problems" too long ignored, and topping the list was AIDS. What took the Reagan administration years to even admit the existence of, Clinton said in his first breath. Predictably, the crowd went crazy.

As I watched people greet each other with kisses and

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cries of "Happy Election," as I stood on the press truck wondering if it was going to topple over with our weight, and as I giggled to Greg's microphone maneuvering, which included his calls to the White House and his nationally broadcast announcements that there were "over 20,000 people in the Castro," I realized again how lucky we are to live in San Francisco.

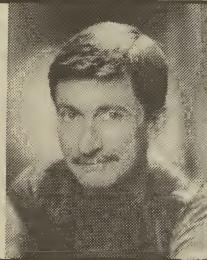
How lucky we are to live in a city which really does remind politicians of the "inevitability" of the gay vote. To live in a city where the rainbow flag originated and where two streets of mostly bad restaurants and T-shirt shops amazingly remains the center of the queer universe. A city that considers as normal spontaneous celebrations to cheer the fall of an evil Republican empire. A city that gathers in its streets to listen breathlessly as one of its lesbian leaders, talking long-distance but linked by love to us across the miles, promises she'll work with Bill Clinton "to do everything we can to liberate our people."

Little wonder, then, that when she reminded us to never give up the fight, we agreed, and that when she told us to party, we did. All night long. ▼

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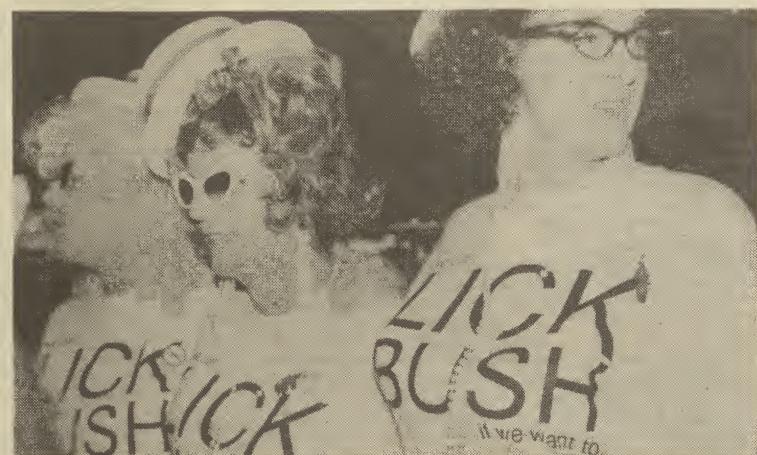
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Prophetic costumes at Castro Halloween celebration

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Guest Opinion

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fiscal neglect by proposing to Congress major increases in spending. Clinton must deliver early on his promise to fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act, to increase research spending, and to provide new resources for prevention.

This is all exciting and heady stuff. But we must also remember that Clinton comes into office having promised many constituencies a fairly long wish list — while also promising to contain the budget deficit. This means, as President Clinton gets down to the work of governing, the AIDS community must be prepared to do as much demonstrating, shouting, arm-twisting, cajoling, begging, and ex-

horting as before to accomplish our agenda.

A new administration is a tremendous opportunity for us all. It may be the breakthrough we've been hoping for. We have a chance to overcome the exhaustion, marginalization, and frustration of the last 12 years. This poses a challenge to our community to keep our eyes — and those of the new administration — on the prize. ▼

Lesbians and Gays Form Sunset Club

by K. Bradley Hudson

Sherry Boschart admits that when she formed the group Sunset Rising, it was for purely selfish reasons—she wanted to meet more lesbian and gay people in her neighborhood. But in speaking with the *Bay Area Reporter* on the occasion of the group's one year anniversary, she makes it clear that it has become more than a way to meet and greet.

It was easy to start Sunset Rising, Boschart says. She just put a few ads in local papers, looking for other lesbian and gay Sunset District residents who wanted to get together and socialize.

"Popular opinion among gays, especially those from the Castro," says Boschart, "is that the Sunset is harshly anti-gay, and that's an incorrect stereotype. You're not physically in danger and you don't have to be in the closet to live here."

But if it's not fear, there is apprehension looming over the Sunset. "People are pulling in their flags," laments Kate, an eight-year resident of the area, who has come home to find thousands of AIDS flyers strewn across her front yard. "You used to see a lot more rainbow flags than you do these days. Mostly though, I've been the victim of verbal bashing. I'm walking down the street and someone will call me a faggot and I have to turn around and yell back, 'I'm a lesbian, damn it!'"

Indeed, since August, there have been at least four acts of

violence against gays in the area, including the residents of two houses displaying gay flags, who had their windows shattered with bricks.

But while most in the group acknowledge they are less open in their own neighborhood than they are in the Castro, Sunset residents feel as safe at home as in other areas of the city.

"No one feels as free anywhere as they do in the Castro," says Karen, another Sunset resident, "but there is no rampant gay bashing going on here."

"And the benefits of living here can't be beat," adds Dan. "I just moved to the area temporarily, but I really like it. You can get a bigger house for the money, you're close to the ocean, and there's a freshness in the air you don't get in the Castro."

Rather than retreat, Sunset Rising, with a membership of 60, is becoming more visible. In addition to continuing its monthly social meetings, the group is becoming more informational—disseminating material from Community United Against Violence, for instance—and more service oriented.

"We've done some volunteer work as a group," Kate says. "And people seem interested in doing more of that. I think it's about being visible, and being visible outside the Castro."

Kate has approached Ulloa Elementary School with a proposal to paint some of the class rooms. The idea was en-



Sunset Rising, a gay and lesbian neighborhood group, that formed in the Sunset District.

(Photo: K. Bradley Hudson)

thusiastically supported by other 'Sunset Risers' and they hope to get the paint and use of equipment donated.

Sherry hopes that maintaining the original social qualities of the group, and focusing on how together they

can make a difference in their neighborhood, Sunset Rising will inspire people to be involved long-term. "The reaction people were having when they came to the meetings was, 'It's great to know you're out there, see ya, bye,' and attendance started to

dwindle. But I think community involvement and working with other groups will really make a difference."

Sunset Rising meets monthly, except in December. For more information call (415) 753-6435. ▼



Kindest Cut of All

Scott Kosharek gets a trim during the second annual Kindest Cut of All benefit for AIDS organizations. More than 50 salons participated and all proceeds go to the Center for AIDS Services in Oakland and the SF AIDS Foundation Emergency Housing Program.

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Presbyterian Leaders and Gays Spar Over Spahr

by Dennis Conkin

A judicial commission of the Presbyterian Church has ruled that "self-affirming practicing homosexuals" are barred from serving congregations as ministers.

The October 30 ruling was made in the case of the Reverend Jane Spahr, a well-known Marin County Presbyterian minister who was offered the post of assistant pastor by the Downtown United Presbyterian Church of Rochester, New York, last year.

Spahr was already ordained by the church and serving as assistant pastor of a Presbyterian Church in San

Rafael when the denomination barred the ordination of lesbians and gays in 1978.

Although the New York congregation's offer of a position to Spahr was approved by a local church body, fundamentalist conservatives filed an appeal with the denomination.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) also ruled that Genesee Valley presbytery should not have approved Spahr's hiring, and ordered it to stop encouraging the appointment of gays and lesbians to church posts.

"I'm very sad," Spahr told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "It's a decision against our people and against God. I don't know

who they think we're following. It's just appalling."

Spahr said that she believed that lesbian and gay sexuality "was a gift from God" and that she's received calls from all over the country offering her support and criticizing the church.

"People are saying this is outrageous, that it's wrong not only for me but for all of us who are lesbian and gay. We've found our voice and we will not be stopped."

Spahr, the executive director of Spectrum, a Marin County gay community service center, preached to an overflow crowd of more than 200 at the First United Lutheran Church in San Francisco on November 8.

Indianapolis Presbyterian minister Reverend Howard Warren Jr. subsequently expressed his dismay over the ruling in a letter to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The openly gay Warren said the decision against Spahr was "yet another example of the barbaric and savage treatment of at least 10 percent of God's creation" and that "it will go down in infamy along with the Roman Catholic Inquisition, the Salem witch hunts, and the Nazi concentration camps." ▼



The Rev. Jane Spahr at services at St. Francis Lutheran Church.
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Needling Wilson

Above: ACT UP demonstrated at both the new and old State Buildings November 11 to protest Governor Pete Wilson's veto of legislation that would have allowed the state to legally distribute clean needles to injection drug users. Right: Security personnel in the Governor's Office complain about needles left by ACT UP.

GLAAD Media Watch

Compiled by Hollie Conley

Colorado, formerly a popular tourist destination, voted last week to approve a constitutional amendment to explicitly allow anti-gay discrimination. GLAAD/USA has cancelled its planned Denver conference, scheduled for January, and encourages a national tourist and convention boycott of the state until the amendment is rescinded. While state officials generally opposed the measure vocally, you should let them know of your cancelled travel plans so they can tell voters the cost of their bigotry. Write to the Colorado Travel Bureau, 1625 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver CO 80202, tel. 303-592-5510; and to the Colorado Chamber of Commerce, 1445 Market Street, Denver CO 80202, tel. 303-534-8500.

The New Yorker

Having recently come under new editorship, *The New Yorker* may be improving its record of addressing lesbian and gay issues. The November 9 issue contains an article by Robert Sullivan, "Revolution Number 9," on the recently defeated Measure 9 that would have mandated discrimination against lesbians and gays in the state of Oregon.

The article placed the amendment in a historic context by discussing Oregon's history as a state where both tolerance and hate groups have thrived. It chronicled the transition of Lou Mabon, chief proponent of measure 9, from a lunatic fringe activist to someone who gained political clout by working with national Republicans like Orrin Hatch and Phil Gramm. The piece also reported the chilling rise in hate crimes as the debate over Measure 9 intensified. It was the kind of in-depth reporting of the Oregon situation that most national news media didn't bother to do.

Heading up the "Talk of the Town" section of the same issue was a piece on ACT UP New York and recent spin-off organizations. Encourage a continued increase in *The New Yorker's* attention to lesbian and gay cultural and civil rights issues. Write to Tina Brown, Editor, *The New Yorker*, 20 West 43rd Street, New York NY 10036.

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In The Life

In *The Life*, the lesbian and gay television variety show produced independently in New York, recently returned to some Public Television airways, including KQED. The recent episode, promised to be

the first in a monthly format, was hosted by lesbian comic Kate Clinton and featured a tribute to the late author, gay activist, and GLAAD founder Vito Russo. Contributing to the tribute with a personal reminiscence of Russo was his friend Lily Tomlin.

Express your support for *In The Life* and for regular lesbian and gay programming by calling KQED's viewer comment line at (415) 553-2100 or (preferably) by writing to Kevin Harris, Director of Programming, KQED-TV, 2601 Mariposa Street, San Francisco CA 94110.

Banana Republic

Concerned Women for America (CWA), a national homophobic and anti-feminist organization, is urging members to complain about a recent Banana Republic ad that features a photo of an apparently gay male couple. The ad, which appeared in *Vanity Fair* and elsewhere, featured two young men, arm in arm and one caressing the other's chest, under the caption "Free Souls." Neutralize the pressure with letters of support to Robert Fisher, President and CEO, Banana Republic, 1 Harrison St., San Francisco, CA 94105.

Where the Day Takes You

New Line Cinema's *Where the Day Takes You*, a film about homeless teenagers, is disturbingly homophobic. Besides the usual fag callings, several violent scenes occur. Balthazar Getty, who is cast as a human vulture preying on the homeless teens along Hollywood Blvd., acquires a new gun. During target practice, as he slowly blows bottles away, he yells "fag, faggot, fag." Later he beats a gay man he is staying with. The gay sex depicted in the film is shown as twisted, disgusting, and for trade only. No mention is made of the countless gay/lesbian youths forced onto the streets, some by their own families. Write Co-writer and Director Marc Rocco, New Line Cinema, 116 N. Robertson, Los Angeles 90048.

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Community News

Martina Navrata-Lovers

Lesbians galore gathered at the Bank of The West classic in Oakland last weekend to watch Martina Navratilova — and some other women who may or may not be gay — playing tennis.

All week, conversations among dykes in the stands were about Martina's tennis, her personal life, or the fantasies each had about meeting, having met, or wanting to

meet her. Martina, having become quite vocal since speaking out last year here about Magic Johnson, continued in that vein this week by speaking out about the passage of Measure 2 in Colorado, a proposal rescinding gay rights statewide.

"If I want to buy a house in Colorado, someone can say they don't want to sell to me because I'm gay and I have no recourse. I'm embarrassed for the state," she said at a press conference.

When she received her \$35,000 check and spoke, she said, "I feel close to you guys; I don't know why" and she winked. The crowd loved it. ▼



(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

New Director at SF AIDS Office

by Dennis Conkin

Mitchell Katz, M.D., an openly gay Harvard-trained physician, has been appointed to succeed Sandra Hernandez, M.D., as director of the Health Department's AIDS Office.

The appointment was effective November 1.

"The major challenge of AIDS Office is to continue to provide effective prevention programs and quality health care in the face of an increased caseload of infected HIV persons," Katz said in a statement about his appointment.

Hernandez was promoted to the post of Health Officer

for the City and County of San Francisco and Deputy Director of Community Public Health Services/AIDS. She will "have extremely broad powers as Health Officer, including the ability to declare a state of health emergency," Wendy Ho Iwata, Health Department press adviser, told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

As a deputy health director, Hernandez will continue to consolidate programs throughout the community public health services sector of the department, including the expansion of primary care services at local district health centers, and will oversee all AIDS services provided by the department.

Of a population of an estimated 58,000 gay and bisexual men living in San Francisco, an estimated 25,000 — or 43 percent — are infected with HIV, according to Health Department statistics. There have been more than 11,000 cases of AIDS reported to the Health Department as of June 30. There have been more than 7,000 deaths since the epidemic began.

Katz, 32, is also an assistant clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco.

The AIDS office annual budget is \$40 million, according to Iwata. ▼

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Marijuana and AIDS: What's the Joint Return?

by K. Bradley Hudson

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"I've seen people starve to death in this city," said Dennis Paron, an activist working to legalize marijuana for medicinal use. "When people with AIDS are suffering from nausea or wasting syndrome, puffing a joint can bring them relief."

"It also helps to relieve stress," stated Beth Moore. Moore is HIV-positive and uses marijuana to alleviate the AIDS symptoms she is beginning to experience. "I lost over 20 pounds in just a couple of months, I was in bed for three weeks, and I just couldn't get up. My friend started making me brownies with marijuana in them and it really helped."

Moore doesn't use pot recreationally, and prefers

eating it to smoking. "The best thing it does is help me deal with stress. The stress of this disease and the stress of every day life. My doctor told me to keep my stress level down and I think by doing that, marijuana has helped slow the progression of the disease."

Moore's doctor knows she uses pot and like most AIDS doctors, doesn't try to discourage her. "He tells me, if it works, do it."

Stress relief is a recurring theme among PWAs that use marijuana. "Kyle," who asked that his real name not be used, was diagnosed with AIDS over a year-and-a-half ago. "I think [marijuana's] been a major factor in my own life — keeping me going. Stress can have very real physical effects and marijuana definitely reduces stress.

In addition to stress reduction, Kyle said he smokes marijuana to stimulate his appetite. "With this disease, there are a lot of times when you really don't feel like eating. Many of the medications suppress your appetite and weight loss can be harmful."

Testimonials such as these are nothing new to Ronald Baker, editor of BETA, the Bulletin of Experimental Treatments for AIDS, published by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "I've heard many anecdotal reports from physicians and patients using marijuana to stimulate appetite and relieve the nausea caused by drugs such as AZT, Septa, Dapsone, and Cytovene. And we've had many reports of people using marijuana to reduce anxiety and elevate their mood."

Baker said the only dangerous side effect from marijuana for someone with an immune-suppressed system is the low risk of contracting aspergillosis, a fungus that can grow on marijuana that is improperly stored — for instance, in pot packaged in plastic while it is still damp. "But I have not seen or heard of one documented case," he said. "The only other downside I can imagine is the lung irritation caused by smoking anything. I think if you overdo it, it could cause coughing



Brownie Mary (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

and lung congestion, just like cigarettes."

Mitchell Katz, M.D., director of the city's AIDS Office, cautions his patients who smoke marijuana to use a water pipe. He said the hot smoke from a marijuana cigarette can harm small hairs in the bronchial tracks known as cilia. Katz said he has never seen any negative effects caused by marijuana use in any of his patients who have AIDS, and although he has never advised a patient to use marijuana, he doesn't discourage those who do. "I haven't been impressed that it's that effective in relieving nausea, but if a patient tells me they get relief, I don't try to lecture them."

Two studies looking at the effects of marijuana use by PWAs have been reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study, which has followed nearly 5,000 homosexual and bisexual men since 1984, finds no correlation between the use of marijuana and immune status or speed of HIV disease progression.

Another ongoing longitudinal study has been looking for four years at how psychosocial and behavioral factors and immune changes relate to HIV infection risk in 373 inner-city teenagers in Newark, NJ. Investigators have found in twice-yearly drug screens that marijuana use, regardless of the amount, does not correlate to any immune system changes.

While marijuana remains illegal for all but the 13 individuals currently receiving it

under the U.S. Public Health Service's compassionate-use program, there are two prescription drugs available that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the primary active ingredient in marijuana.

Marinol and Megace are being used by AIDS patients to stimulate appetite and relieve nausea, but most patients report the drugs are not nearly as effective as smoking or eating marijuana.

"I was prescribed Marinol," said Beth Moore, "and it helped me regain my appetite at first, but it stopped working. I still have some sitting here and if they worked, believe me, they would be gone."

A three-year study to evaluate the effects of illegal drugs, including marijuana, on the immune system, is currently underway at the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute. Project manager Peter T. Thomas told the *Bay Area Reporter* that researchers are just getting ready to study the effects of marijuana on cell cultures that mimic the immune system. The study will try to approximate the levels of marijuana that would be present in habitual users.

Thomas said he doesn't expect the cell cultures will react negatively, but believes they will learn more when they begin studying animal models next spring. "We're really going to look at the effects withdrawal from the drug can have on the immune system. We also want to look at what chronic use does to the immune system and if it can recover after drug use stops." ▀

State Dept. Refuses to Allow Sinead O'Connor in San Francisco

United Press International

Organizers of a San Francisco election night rally in San Francisco denounced a State Department decision to deny a visa to controversial Irish singer Sinead O'Connor, who had planned to attend the event.

John Ledlow, an organizer with the Ad-Hoc Election Night Celebration Committee, condemned the move as an act of censorship intended to silence the musician.

"There's no doubt this is an act of censorship," Ledlow said. "It seems pretty inappropriate, especially on the eve of election."

Ledlow suggested O'Connor had been denied the visa because she planned to tear



Sinead O'Connor

up a photograph of President Bush at the rally. The Irish singer has been denounced by

Catholic officials for tearing up a photograph of the pope during an appearance on *Saturday Night Live* last month.

However, State Department spokesman Peter Murphey said O'Connor had been denied a visa because she failed to file her application in time.

"We didn't have time to process the papers," Murphey said.

Despite the visa denial, Ledlow said the event proceeded as planned. The program included a mock burial of President Bush in a 20-foot-long casket, an election-character costume ball, and a "Sinead O'Connor Tearing a Photo of President Bush Look-Alike Contest." ▀

Canada's New Pro-Gay Military Stance Has Many Repercussions

By David Olson

When Canada ended its ban on gays and lesbians joining the military last week, it may have barred anti-gay job discrimination throughout the country.

The Canadian decision could have repercussions in the United States as well, where gay and lesbian activists have been fighting for years to end this country's ban on gays in the military. Most NATO countries now allow gays in their militaries.

"The U.S. is becoming increasingly isolated on this issue," said Robert Bray, spokesman for the Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "The Canadian ruling further exposes the illogic and injustice of U.S. discrimination against gay and lesbian armed service members."

Canada had used the same reasons as the United States to bar gays and lesbians from its military: that gays pose security risks and would undermine the morale and discipline of the armed forces.

The Canadian Department of National Defense now sees those arguments as outdated, said Captain Marc Rouleau, a military public affairs officer.

"Everything has been reassessed," he said. "We feel this policy is no longer appropriate, and we don't think we'll have any problems at all instituting the new policy."

Openly gay U.S. Representative Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) argued that if Canada, with "a culture and society very similar to our own," sees no problem with admitting open gays and lesbians to its ranks, then there is no reason why the U.S. should have objections.

Canada's military began softening its anti-gay policy in 1988, when it declared that gays and lesbians could remain in the armed forces if they wanted, but would be denied promotions, additional training, and security clearances. That only applied to those discovered to be gay after induction; the ban on enrolling lesbians and gays to the military remained.

The reversal in Canadian policy came in response to a lawsuit filed by Michelle Douglas, a former lesbian Air Force lieutenant who quit her

position under pressure after she acknowledged her sexuality.

On October 27, a Canadian Federal Court judge in Toronto declared that the military's policy violated Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms — similar to the U.S. Bill of Rights — and awarded \$100,000 to Douglas. Rather than appeal, the government announced that it agreed with the judge's ruling and would end its anti-gay policy.

Three days after the Douglas ruling, the government opted not to appeal an August Ontario appeals court ruling that Canada's human rights law violates the charter because the law does not bar anti-gay discrimination.

"Taking the two cases together, we can say once and for all that discrimination based upon sexual orientation is illegal in Canada," said Donna Balkan, spokeswoman for the Canadian Human Rights Commission, a quasi-independent government agency that has lobbied for laws that bar anti-gay discrimination.

By acknowledging that the government was violating the Canadian rights charter, it in effect acknowledged that the charter prohibits anti-gay job discrimination across-the-board, she said.

Barbara McIsaac, general counsel for the Canadian Department of Justice, said that the government does not agree with Balkan that the charter mandated a ban on sexual orientation discrimination. But, she said, the government did not challenge the court rulings because it supported an end to anti-gay employment bias, and it saw the court rulings as an easy way to accomplish that.

The Human Rights Commission still favors a law explicitly banning anti-gay discrimination to make the court rulings clearer, Balkan said.

The rulings are somewhat limited, because the federal government only has the power to bar job discrimination in federally regulated industries, which include banking, airlines, telecommunications and other industries, she said. Individual provinces must pass laws that ban anti-gay discrimination in other industries, and that prohibit

bias in housing and public accommodations.

Four Canadian provinces and territories — Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the Yukon — currently ban anti-gay discrimination.

The government's decision to comply with the Federal Court's ruling came one year after the military was on the verge of dropping its anti-gay policy, but backed down under pressure from right-wing members of the ruling Progressive Conservative Party.

"This has been a political stalling game for a year now," said David Pepper, legislative assistant to Svend Robinson, an openly gay Member of Parliament (MP) for the New Democratic Party. "The military did this because they knew they would lose this case" if it went to the Canadian Supreme Court.

"This has been a long time



coming," he added. "There has been a lot of pain and suffering caused to the gays and lesbians who have been hounded out of the armed forces."

MPs with the left-of-center New Democratic Party and with the Liberal Party long have been calling for an end to the anti-gay policy, but Conservative MPs were split on the question. In interviews with Canadian newspapers last week, moderate Conserva-

tives generally praised the military's decision as the right thing to do, while right-wing Conservatives seemed unhappy resigned to the decision.

"They're going to hire people who have a queer lifestyle," Conservative MP Donald Blenkarn complained to Toronto's *The Globe and Mail*. But, he added, he supported the government's decision because "there comes a point when you can't keep fighting lawsuits." ▀

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Gay Signs Vandalized Outside Robertson's Headquarters

United Press International

VIRGINIA BEACH — State officials say vandals have targeted a homosexual organization by defacing highway signs located near Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network that recognize the gay group's participation in an anti-litter campaign.

Vandals have steadily defaced the two signs recognizing the Hampton Roads Lesbian and Gay Pride Coalition

that were erected along Interstate 64 near the CBN complex.

The destruction is unprecedented, according to officials, in that one group has been singled out.

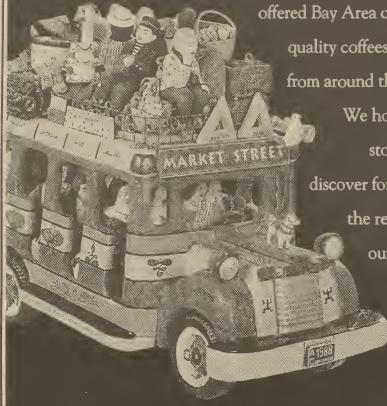
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Letter From ... Romania

One month in Romania can cause some dislocations for a traveling San Francisco queer—especially contrasting the small private parties I attended in this small Eastern European country with the exuberance of the Castro Street election party (and the years of work it represents).

Still, it's possible to find reasons to hope that Romanian gays will have a common public space where they too can soon share their victories—which have been few, to date. After nearly three weeks among the gay men of Bucharest (I met no lesbians), one can sense that the time is ready for gays to become visible and claim their rightful place within Romanian society as it opens up and redefines itself after 45 years of isolation, restriction, and control.

Romania is alone among European countries in that it outlaws lesbianism, and it is one of only a handful that outlaws male homosexuality. Officials claim the notorious "Article 200" is enforced only in cases where prostitution or corruption of minors is involved, and only when perpetrators are caught in the act. Nonetheless, it is widely believed among Bucharest gays that a man in the Transylvanian provincial capital of Sibiu had been recently imprisoned for homosexuality. Unfortunately, no one had any details, so it was impossible for me to verify the story.

Lucian Stingu, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Justice, announced in a late October radio debate on homosexuality that the new government would repeal Article 200 within three months because it is in conflict with the Romanian constitution's guarantee of a right to privacy. Even more of an impetus to change is that Romania wants to become a member of the Community of Europe, which in the past has required applicant countries to repeal anti-gay legislation before their memberships can be accepted. Even so, Romanian activists remain cautious and will celebrate only when the law is in fact repealed.

Present-day homosexuals in Romania have little history upon which to build a movement. There have been no gay bars or other safe-public meeting places since at least 1940—and probably long before. A few writers and artists have been public about their homosexuality over the years, but the society in general remains virulently homophobic, if it is considered at all.

(The president, Ion Iliescu, claimed there were no homosexuals in Romania when he was asked about Article 200 by a reporter.)

Bucharest's gay scene now consists of private networks of friends, socializing at parties, discreet meetings at cafes, and frequenting the two cruising areas of town. Each of these pre-

sent problems that limit the freedom of queers. Apartments are small and most people live with their parents, who generally are unaware of their son's inclinations. Cafe owners are unpredictable and sometimes unfriendly. This summer, the manager of one popular outdoor cafe ran off all the queers when cruising became too obvious. (Nonetheless one can still meet a boy or two there.) The cruising areas present problems of safety—and weather, as Bucharest winters are cold and wet.

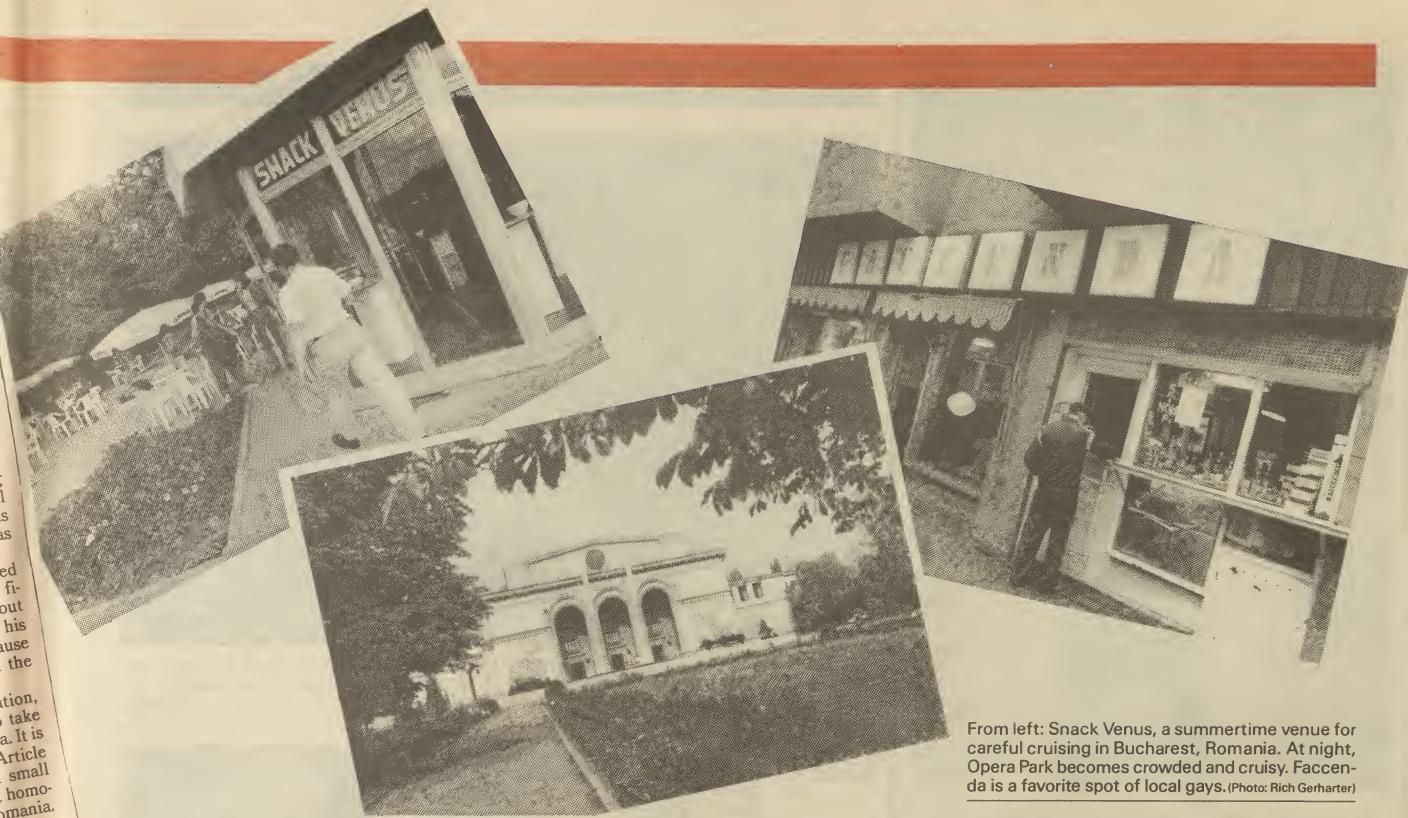
Plans are underway to open a gay-owned and operated restaurant by January, with financing from a Greek man. Word was also out that another man plans to open a bar in his apartment, which seems quite amazing because of the size of Romanian apartments and the prying attitudes of neighbors.

A national human rights organization, LADO, has expressed strong support to take up the situation of gay people in Romania. It is eagerly looking for a case to challenge Article 200 in court, and wants to publish a small booklet correcting the false ideas about homosexuality that are so widespread in Romania. During one meeting at LADO's offices I met Ivan Fisher, a European researcher for Amnesty International, who initiated a discussion about the situation of gay people and was very eager to hear of any human rights abuses that Amnesty International can adopt. (I was pleased to see that AI is taking its new mandate so seriously.)

Hope among gays was high that the recent national elections would replace the neo-communist government elected in 1990 with a democratic opposition. Gay issues never came up during the campaign, so hope remained, more liberal attitudes, rather more clearly stated pro-gay position. But Iliescu, Nicolae Ceausescu, was re-elected as president of the vote. Spirits crashed with realization that Romania's poverty and backwardness were not going to end quickly.

I met many queers during my month-long stay and a slow awakening is evident with Western gays, the general opening of the society, the expected Article 200, and our queer subculture can't be suppressed forever. Romania will most likely be small, discreet society at first, but will grow and provide a place for gays to socialize, come out, and toward their place in Romanian society.





From left: Snack Venus, a summertime venue for careful cruising in Bucharest, Romania. At night, Opera Park becomes crowded and cruisy. Faccenda is a favorite spot of local gays. (Photo: Rich Gerharter)

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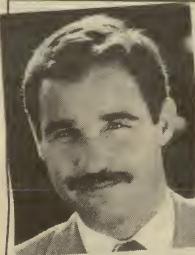


Two of the boys enjoy a private party.
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Lesbian folksinger Phranc displays her artwork at Josie's.
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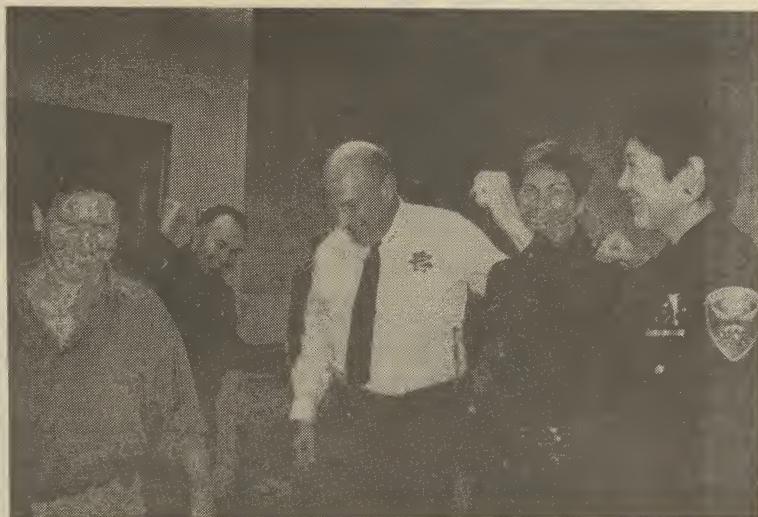
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Community News



Gay and lesbian officers show their approval of new Police Chief Anthony Ribera. Pictured from left: Inspector Dolly Casazza, Officer Phil Fleck, Chief Ribera, Officer Pam Hofsass and Officer Sally DeHaven.

(Photo: Judi Parks)

Gay Cops' Reactions

by Dennis Conkin

Lesbian and gay police officers from Mission Station interviewed by the *Bay Area Reporter* about Police Chief Anthony Ribera say that the gay community — and gay cops — will get a fair shake from the city's new top cop.

They say that Ribera, a "tough and no-nonsense cop" will be an accessible administrator and will provide professional leadership to a department that has been disorganized in the past. They say he's a quick mover with a lot of fortitude.

"He was always equal and fair and easily accessible. He treated us fairly, just like regular officers. He's going to be making some changes," said Officer Sally De Haven. "We were sorry to lose him at Mission Station, but we feel good about him at the helm of the department."

"He was the first cop I met at the Police Academy," said David Tussey, a 11-year veteran of the department. "He's tough and no-nonsense but he's also very supportive and loyal to his officers who do good work. He's not a yes man."

Phil Fleck, president of the Golden State Police Officers Association and an officer at Mission Station, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Ribera would help "bring the department into the 21st century," that Ribera played no fa-

vorites, and that gay and lesbian cops would have equal access to promotions.

"We've sorely needed leadership like this for years," he said. "We haven't moved fast enough to keep up with the times. He won't tolerate discrimination and he doesn't play favorites. He knows the city and the neighborhoods, and he knows the Castro. He's a professional."

Officer Ray Benson, legislative affairs chair of the Police Officers Association, said that Ribera's appointment was a "breath of fresh air" for the department.

"He not only cares about us, he's actually a cop. He cares about putting bad guys in jails and keeping people safe," Benson said. ▼



New SF Police Chief Anthony Ribera at his swearing in ceremony.

(Photo: Judi Parks)

Chief

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planned to review and probably revamp the way the chief's office dealt with disciplining police officers charged by the Office of Citizen Complaints, he said that discussing such plans was premature.

Although Ribera transferred Officer Lea Miltello, a public affairs officer who served as lesbian and gay liaison to the chief of police, to a public affairs post, he promised to continue to "be

responsive" to the concerns of the lesbian and gay community.

Referring to tensions in previous administrations between gay activists and police, Ribera said that he had appointed Capt. Richard Holder to head the Special Operations Division, which handles police response to demonstrations.

"We'll be responsive to the community that's concerned about violence, and [on the matter of] demonstration we'll be responsive to those in the community who want to exercise their First Amendment rights," he said. ▼

Falwell Alert

United Press International

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA — The [so-called] Reverend Jerry Falwell says he may resurrect his once potent political action organization The Moral Majority if president-elect Bill Clinton turns out to be "the reincarnation of Jimmy Carter."

Falwell founded the Moral Majority in 1979, but scrapped it 10 years later to

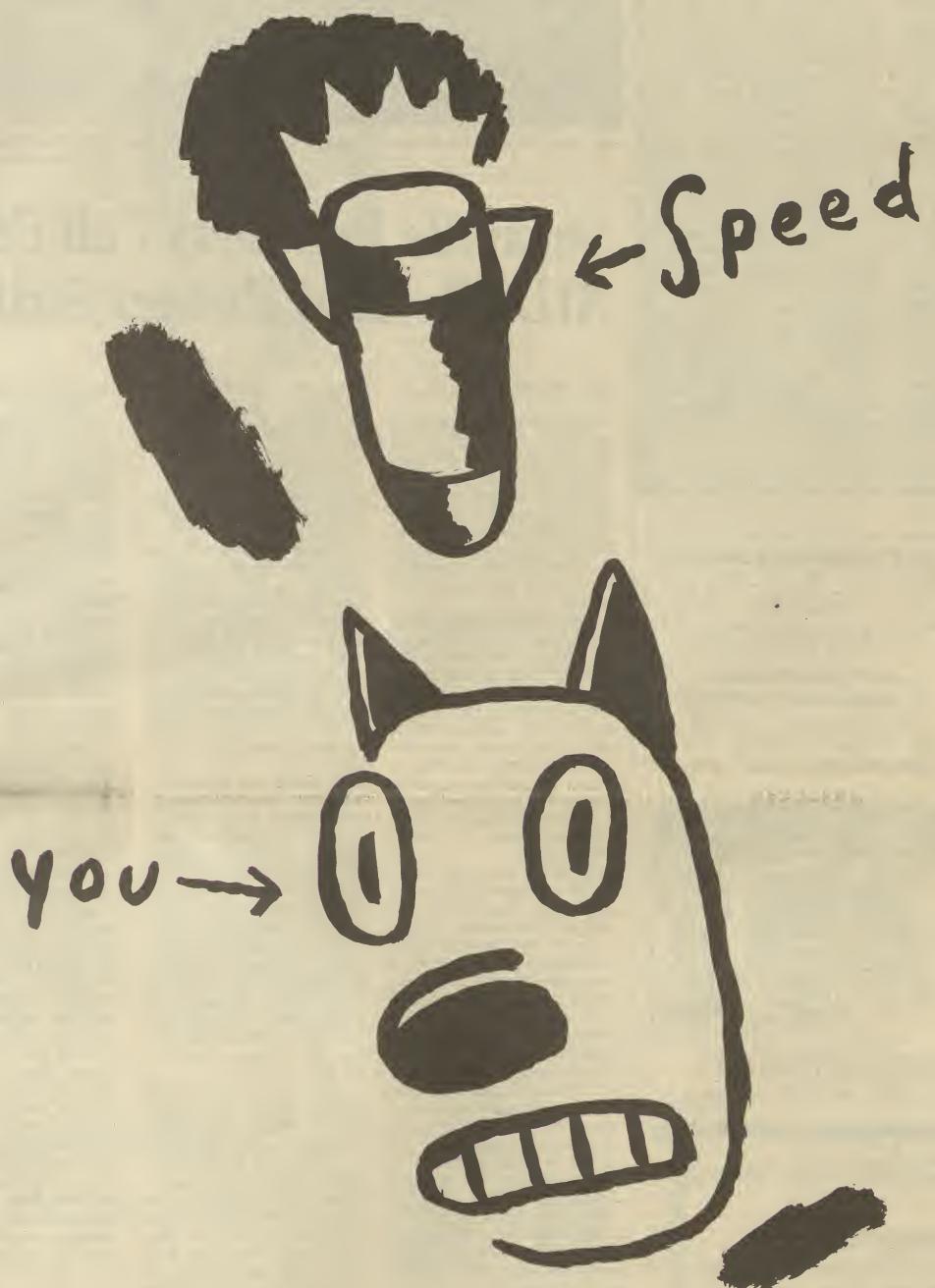
focus on shoring up his financially strapped ministry. His church and his college, Liberty University, are \$70 million in debt and Falwell has been working to reorganize the debts without resorting to bankruptcy.

Falwell told the *Roanoke Times & World News* "no decision has been made" on reviving The Moral Majority, although he said he might be "forced" to do so if Clinton

follows through on some of his campaign promises.

The campaign promises from Clinton that raised Falwell's ire include abortion rights and allowing gays and lesbians to serve in the military.

During its heyday, The Moral Majority registered millions of voters and raised millions of dollars to help Ronald Reagan defeat Carter in 1980. ▼



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Under One Roof: Open for Good

Under One Roof, the store that benefits area AIDS agencies, opens for its third Christmas season this week and will stay open permanently.

The store is sharing the Names Project's space at 2362 Market Street, between Noe and Castro, and will open for good Thursday at 11 a.m.

The store sells merchandise from various AIDS service providers such as Visual AIDS T-shirts and Project Open Hand cook books. This year a merchandising committee has worked with agencies to develop new products.

"Products that are visually exciting make the organizations a lot of money," said Phil Siegel, one of ten founders of Under One Roof.

The project was started in 1990 with grants from Chevron, Miller Brewing Company, and the San Francisco Examiner. Grants pay for one person's salary and rent for the space.

All of the money raised from sales go back to the organization. In 1990, the store raised \$110,000 and in 1991 it raised \$175,000.

The organization also received grant money from The Gap this year and a matching grant of \$10,000 from Jim Hormel.

Siegel said that the store is seeking financial help to reach that matching grant. The store also needs volunteers to keep the place open all year. ▼



A mother of an unidentified prisoner at Vacaville speaks at an ACT UP press conference.
(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

Vacaville Prisoners Call Off AIDS-Related Hunger Strike

by K. Bradley Hudson

Inmates at the California Medical Facility (CMF) prison in Vacaville have declared victory and called an end to a three-week hunger strike, following a meeting with California Department of Corrections Director James Gomez, at which Gomez promised to act on the protesters' demands.

The rotating hunger strike that began October 21 was an escalation of protests by HIV-positive inmates, over inadequate health care at the facility, following the recent deaths of four inmates, two of whom died in their cells.

On November 10, Gomez toured the institution with a "large entourage" and met with several inmates, according to prisoner Brian Carmichael.

Striking prisoners had called conditions at Vacaville intolerable, complaining of a lack of compassion, proper medical care, qualified HIV doctors and understanding of the physical and emotional needs of inmates with AIDS.

In their initial public response, prison administrators declared that there were no major problems at the facility. A spokesperson for the California Department of Corrections went so far as to say the medical treatment received by inmates at CMF is comparable to that received by patients of San Francisco General Hospital.

But Lawrence Wilson, a person with AIDS, who was incarcerated in the Vacaville prison from July of 1991 until

September of 1992, disputed that claim. "We were receiving second class medical attention," he said. "I'm out now and I've had the opportunity to compare the treatment at CMF to San Francisco General, and there is no comparison."

"At San Francisco General they send me to see specialists, but at CMF the outpatient doctors are totally incapable of providing proper treatment. They have not seen the numbers of HIV patients and don't know the way the disease manifests itself. It's not always as simple as Kaposi's sarcoma or pneumocystis pneumonia," Wilson said.

In addition to the meeting with Gomez, the inmates demanded the hiring of a permanent qualified HIV medical specialist; an outside, independent investigation of the conduct of medical and custodial staff in caring for terminally ill inmates; a legislative review of the compassionate release policies and practices to expedite such releases; and immediate funding for a hospice inside the prison.

Prior to Tuesday's visit by Gomez, prison officials publicly admitted to health care deficiencies at the facility, but said they are beginning to make progress. Lt. Patricia Mandeville told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "We know we have problems and we are looking at them and attempting to address them. We may not be making leaps and bounds, but

we are making steps."

Mandeville said the outside investigations and the legislative review have begun and the prison is actively recruiting for three medical doctors who are HIV specialists. She said they hope to have the positions filled by January.

Mandeville acknowledged hearing complaints by two doctors who have left CMF, about the lack of support they received from other prison staff, but said, "Warden Ingle is very supportive and concerned and wants to get qualified doctors in and keep them in."

Also according to Mandeville, renovation work has begun on one wing of the prison to convert it into a step-down unit for those inmates not sick enough to require hospitalization, and a hospice. She said she did not know when the hospice and step-down unit would be completed, but added, "The architects were in last week and the plumbers were here over the weekend. And when it comes on-line I'm gonna notify everyone," noting the adverse publicity that has been generated by the crisis.

Jim Lewis, of ACT UP San Francisco, said "While we are very glad prison officials met the six demands of the hunger strikers, there are still many health care issues to be addressed. The prisoners will now focus all their energy and attention to those concerns which, for the most part, remain unresolved." ▼



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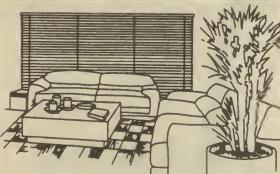
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One Good Catholic?

United Press International

CHICAGO — A Vatican letter saying governments should deny some rights to homosexuals should not be used to justify bigotry and violence against them, Cardinal Joseph Bernard said November 6.

"I affirm the fundamental human and civil rights of persons who are gay or lesbian... I will continue to work to ensure that government fulfills this responsibility with special attention to unjust or arbitrary discrimination in housing or employment,"

Bernard said in comments published in the Chicago archdiocese's newspaper, *New World*.

Local gay and lesbian activists welcomed the statement.

"We believe that it's very important that Cardinal Bernard speak out about the rights of lesbians and gays. We believe it has a direct effect on the violence that occurs," said James Capleman, president of Dignity Chicago, an organization of gay and lesbian Catholics.

In a letter sent in June to U.S. bishops, the Vatican

called homosexuality "an objective disorder." The letter said governments should deny some rights to homosexuals to promote the traditional family and protect society.

The cardinal said the letter could be misunderstood to support bias and attacks on homosexuals.

"I regret that this document resulted in so much pain and confusion," he said.

The cardinal repeated his opposition to sex outside of heterosexual marriage.

"I cannot endorse homosexual genital expression," he said. ▼

Abbott Finally Releases HIV-IG

by K. Bradley Hudson

After a prolonged battle that has generated universal criticism, Abbott Laboratories has announced that it has transferred all rights and inventories of its HIV-IG product to North American Biologicals, Inc. of Miami, Florida.

HIV-IG, developed by Abbott, is an immune globulin blood product containing highly concentrated antibodies against HIV. Since its discovery it has been sought by researchers for clinical trials in pregnant women. It is believed that treatment with HIV-IG may reduce the transmission of HIV from mother to child during pregnancy. It may also be effective as a treatment in those who already have AIDS. However, Abbott had been unwilling to release the drug for clinical trials, and has justified its resistance by saying the company fears future liability claims.

Researchers and attorneys from the National Institutes of Health, along with a number of community groups including the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Project Inform, ACT UP Chicago, and ACT UP Golden Gate, had all taken part in discussions and actions regarding the fate of HIV-IG.

Cathy Babington, director of corporate communications for Abbott, told the *Bay Area Reporter* the company had been trying to obtain indemnification against all possible future liability from the National Institutes of Health or legislatively.

Martin Delaney of Project Inform, who, along with Dr. Art Ammann of the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, carried on direct talks with Abbott over the matter, said, "Abbott's prior actions in this situation were simply unacceptable to people with AIDS and duly



Martin Delaney

warranted the increasing criticisms and actions directed against the company."

ACT UP organized a 'phone zap' of Abbott Laboratories' corporate offices, disrupted trading of the company's stock on two exchanges earlier this year, and led a boycott of their retail products: Selsun Blue shampoo, Murine eye care products, Ensure, and Similac.

During a recent meeting with Abbott officials at the company's headquarters in North Chicago, Delaney and Ammann strongly objected to the company's failure to develop the product and contested its need for indemnification against all possible future liabilities.

"Had Abbott's position on liability issues been left unchallenged," said Ammann, "it could have threatened the viability of all future pediatric AIDS research."

Babington declined to discuss the conditions of the transfer to North American Biologicals, Inc., but said the deal had been in the works for some time and indicated that HIV-IG was more com-

mercially feasible for North American Biologicals, Inc. "Development of the product requires a large population of plasma donors and they have access to that. But the main issue we were able to resolve in our negotiations with them was our concern with liability," he said.

Delaney said the resolution was a result of unique cooperation between numerous scientists, physicians, street activists, and community negotiators. "I'd like to believe that Abbott has learned a lesson in civics here. When a company chooses, for whatever reason, to abandon a potentially useful and life-saving product, it still has a civic obligation to shepherd its development, regardless of the company's interest in the product area. In this case, transferring the product to another party was the right solution for everyone," he said.

Delaney stated that he hopes the transfer not only meets the immediate needs of the pediatric trial, but opens up the door for further development of HIV-IG as a treatment for all people with HIV infection.

David Gury, C.E.O. of North American Biologicals, Inc., told the *B.A.R.* the company will release HIV-IG to the National Institutes of Health for testing as soon as the NIH is ready to begin clinical trials. ▼

HIV-Inhibiting Tree Destroyed

United Press International

CHICAGO — A rare tree in Malaysia that produces a compound that appeared to inhibit the growth of a form of the AIDS virus in laboratory tests has been cut down, it was revealed November 8.

D.D. Soejarto, a plant explorer at the University of Illinois at Chicago, found the tree, called *Calophyllum langerum*, in a Malaysian rain forest in 1987, according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

A sample of sap from the tree yielded a derivative that was effective against HIV-1 in tests by the National Cancer Institute, the newspaper said.

In low concentrations, the compound stopped the virus's effects on human immune-system cells without damaging the cells, researchers said. The derivative also was effective against varieties of HIV-1 that were resistant to AZT and other anti-AIDS drugs.

but not against HIV-2, researchers said. HIV-2 causes most AIDS cases in Africa.

On a return trip to the forest, Soejarto discovered the tree had been cut down, the newspaper said. He suspects it was used for construction. The tree has no history of medicinal use by local people and is not commercially valuable for timber because it has too many branches.

The tropical forest has five or six species of *Calophyllum* trees. But none of the other samples Soejarto has gathered have the potency of calanolide, the derivative from the *Calophyllum langerum* species tree, researchers said.

Soejarto also is on the staff of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. He heads teams of botanists who hunt plants in Southeast Asia in hopes of finding new medicines before the rain forests are destroyed. ▼

Clinton Meets With AIDS Specialist

United Press International

FORT WORTH — An AIDS specialist who is infected with HIV said she only expected a handshake from Bill Clinton when a staffer asked her to meet with the democratic hopeful in August.

But Patti Wetzel said she was astonished when she was ushered into a private room with Clinton, where the Arkansas governor rolled up his shirt sleeves, poured himself a cup of coffee and asked, "Now Patti, what's the answer to your question about AIDS?"

Wetzel, who was infected through an accidental needle stick 14 months ago, said she and Clinton had a 20-minute "heart-to-heart" talk in which she advised him how to secure funding for AIDS education, prevention and research.

The 32-year-old Wetzel said "Let me tell you, I was just really blown away by the whole experience."

The discussion came after Wetzel spoke up during a televised town hall-type meeting held August 25. She was among a selected audience invited to ask questions during the forum.

During the telecast, Wetzel identified herself as a person with AIDS and asked Clinton how he would appropriate

money to fight the epidemic. Later — off-camera — Clinton told the physician that he "had friends that had AIDS; he had buried friends with AIDS," Wetzel recalled last week. "He was really aware of what the disease was like and was very, very sympathetic."

Wetzel said Clinton seems to be dedicated to fighting the killer disease.

"He sincerely expressed to me that he took this all very seriously and was definitely going to address this in his administration."

In his opening line in his acceptance speech Tuesday night, Clinton promised to make AIDS a national priority.

Wetzel is staff director of outpatient HIV services at John Peter Smith Hospital and a consultant to a private home health care organization. She said she stressed to Clinton that the spread of AIDS can be curbed through education.

Wetzel said that when their talk was over, she told him she hoped to see him in Washington. If Clinton appoints her to a position in his administration, "It would be a phenomenal opportunity and one I would not turn down," she said. ▼

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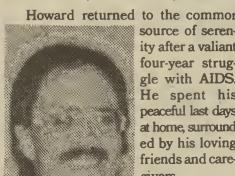
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Obituaries

Howard Bruce Weintraub

Feb. 27, 1953–Nov. 5, 1992



Howard returned to the common source of serenity after a valiant four-year struggle with AIDS. He spent his peaceful last days at home surrounded by his loving friends and caregivers.

Howard was born and grew up in Los Alamos, N.M. He attended the University of New Mexico where he majored in biology, obtaining his BA. Howard moved to California in 1974, further pursuing his career as a microbiologist, first working for Lawrence Livermore Labs, then working for Cetus, involved with Cell/Cloning and AIDS Research until 1986. He then left the field and started working for the Howard Rice Law Firm until his disability in 1988.

Howard moved to San Francisco in 1981, also maintaining his own business called "We've Been Framed", responsible for many expositions of Local and International Gay Artists at such places as the Eagle, the Ambush and many privately sponsored festive events, thrown in grand style with a special flair, zest and a great deal of life, celebrating gay culture at every opportunity. He was often a familiar face South of Market, the Castro and the Trocadero Transistor, only to name a few. His smile, personality, warmth, humor, compassion and altruistic spirit will be missed by many in the community, and will not soon be forgotten.

He is survived by his mother and father, Annette and Larry; brother Rick; sister Eli; a nephew Corey, all of New Mexico; and his twin brother, Doug, who rebonded with Howard during the last four years only as twins can, and who has helped to bring the family closer together in unity and love during these most difficult times. Howard is survived by a very special extended family as well.

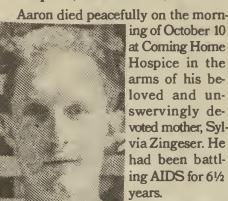
Special thanks to Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco; Garden Sullivan Hospital; Dr. Campbell; and the many caregivers, who helped make Howard's transition peaceful and spiritual in nature.

There will be a private scattering of Howard's ashes at sea on Saturday, Nov. 21, followed by an informal celebration of Howard's life at 3875 18th St. #11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Howard's estate is being donated to

seven different AIDS charities. Family and friends have asked that donations be made in Howard's name to the AIDS charity of your choice. We love you, Howard, and will miss you, but dance on Howard, dance on! ▼

Aaron Arnold Walters

April 9, 1961–Oct. 10, 1992



Aaron died peacefully on the morning of October 10 at Coming Home Hospice in the arms of his beloved and unwaveringly devoted mother, Sylvia Zingeser. He had been battling AIDS for 6½ years.

Aaron grew up in Portland, lived for several years in Minneapolis and moved to San Francisco in 1990. He fought many battles in his life and was proud to have spent his final years clean and sober.

During the years of his illness, Aaron devoted himself to educating the public about AIDS and to caring for other PWAs. He became, as one friend said, "accustomed to staring into the abyss and never flinching." As a long-term survivor he was a "tower of strength and comfort," a guide and an inspiration to many. At no time was Aaron's ability to care for others more mobilized than during the illness of his lover Bob Bennett, who died of AIDS on August 26, 1990. The devotion, respect and attention to detail he gave to Bob were amazing to behold.

A great deal of Aaron's strength and hope came from his faith in God and his involvement in Jewish ritual and prayer. As he got sicker his faith increased. He said, "I want people to know that Judaism is my life, my freedom and my soul."

In addition to his mother, Aaron leaves behind his stepfather Jonathan Zingeser; grandparents Priscilla and Murray Zingeser; and many loving friends, family members, and devoted professional and volunteer caretakers in several different cities.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 22, at Sinai Memorial Chapel, 1501 Divisadero (at Geary) at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

Donations in Aaron's name may be made to the AIDS Project, Jewish Family and Children's Services, 1600 Scott St., SF, CA 94115 or Congregation B'nai G'vurah, P.O. Box 8303, Minneapolis, MN 55408. ▼

Chris Minor-Mulholland

July 13, 1965–Nov. 7, 1992

After a long and difficult two-year battle with AIDS, Chris died peacefully early Saturday morning with his domestic partner Richard and their two cats Heidi and Durc by his side.

Chris was born in New Orleans in 1965 and a year later moved to Atlanta. When Chris began the sixth grade it was at Tullulah Falls Boarding School in Northern Georgia, where he was very active in track and gymnastics. In 1983 he was valedictorian of his graduating class. After Chris graduated, he returned to Atlanta and was always on the move. He held a wide variety of jobs, mainly at local gay bars. He volunteered a great deal of time at AIDS Atlanta and the NAMES Project Atlanta. In 1988 Chris became the first and only Mr. Dixie Drummer. Soon after he moved to San Francisco.

Chris was a familiar face in San Francisco almost immediately. He worked a variety of jobs including Image Leather, the Eagle and Pleasuredome. He started his own custom leather company, Leather Rebel, and a motorcycle detailing company, Shineboy. Chris also continued his spirit of giving by volunteering at the NAMES Project and several other charitable organizations.

Chris, with several friends, was a founding member of the clean and sober leather club, the Trusted Servants. Chris was so proud of his 8½ years of continuous sobriety. It was a constant source of strength and pride to others as well as himself. On February 14, 1991, Chris and his lover Richard became the first couple in San Francisco to register as domestic partners.

Deep gratitude goes to Dr. Toby Dyer and the staff at Health Center #1, as well as to Jerry Asheim, RN, and Visiting Nurses of San Francisco. Without these wonderful people Chris would not have had the wonderful care which was his right.

Chris leaves behind a great many loved ones, including his mother and father, Jan and R.T. Cardwell; his half brother Jason; and his grandmothers Lucille Johnson and Tillie Cardwell. Locally Chris is lovingly remembered by numerous friends including the Trusted Servants and his partner Richard J. Minor-Mulholland.

Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21. Please call Richard at 552-7552 for details. ▼

John H. Norsworthy

John died at 11:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the Critical Care Unit of Mount Zion UC Medical Center. The immediate cause of death was cardiac arrest, induced by chronic (over a period of months) and acute renal failure. John suffered, over this last year, an extremely painful general deterioration of health.

John was born and reared in Gothenburg (southern), Neb. He earned a degree in journalism at Kearney State University, Kearney, Neb., at the age of 21, and during the next eight years was a newspaperman in eastern Nebraska. He came to San Francisco in 1974.

In the '70s, during the heyday of the big Bike-Club "runs," John was an invariable "there." He has been well-known and was liked especially for his subtle, observant wit.

John was an accomplished photographer, but his first love was computer science. In that sphere, his primary interest was the designing and fabrication of integrated circuits.

He designed and built his own computer "from scratch" using a number of boards of his own design as "system interfaces"; the result is a "custom-made" computer which will do precisely what he expects of it!

John was a licensed "Ham" Radio Operator; his "call-sign" was WA6DAF.

His remains are to be cremated by the Neptune Society and his ashes interred in the family plot in Gothenburg.

There will be no memorial service in San Francisco save a simultaneous five minutes of silence at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, the moment of his cremation for his friends and the very large network of his amateur radio associates.

John was a good friend. He will be sorely missed.

He was 47 years old. ▼

Barry L. Phillips

Barry, age 37, a leader in San Francisco's hospitality industry, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, of AIDS. A consummate host professionally and at his San Francisco loft, Barry was well-known for his enthusiasm for San Francisco and his creativity in promoting the city as a destination to thousands of convention and travel leaders throughout the world.

Phillips joined the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau in January 1985 as a convention sales manager. In 1988, he was promoted to vice president of the bureau's convention division. Phillips was part of the team credited with keeping visitors coming to the city following the October 1989 earthquake. One of his greatest accomplishments was directing the successful marketing effort for the expansion of the Moscone Center, attracting increased business to San Francisco.

Prior to joining the bureau, Phillips had been a sales manager at the grand Hyatt and the Four Seasons Clift Hotel. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University's School of Business in Hotel-Restaurant Administration.

Barry served on the Board of Directors of the Academy of Friends. He knew how to live life to the fullest and had fond memories of trips with friends to Italy, Mexico, Canada and throughout the U.S. Always looking for the best in food and wine, he exhibited a keen sense of presentation and design in his own entertaining. Barry also was always looking out for his constant companion Barbara and made sure she had the most up-to-date wardrobe and accessories. He leaves behind fond memories of his loving dogs Beamer, Gypsy and Sophie.

He is survived by his mother, Claire Broline, and stepfather, Col. Leo Broline of Lancaster, Calif. He is also survived by his father, Donald Phillips, of Odessa, Texas, and brother and sister-in-law Mark and Lysa Phillips of Las Vegas and hundreds of friends around the country.

Friends and colleagues are invited to a Celebration of Life Tribute to be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 4 p.m. at the Moscone Center and Thursday, Dec. 10, in Washington, DC. The family requests any donations in his memory be made to Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF, CA 94110; the Shanti Project, 525 Howard St., SF, CA 94105; or the NAMES Project, 2362 Market St., SF, CA 94114. ▼

Edward Dale McMillan

Jan. 31, 1946–Nov. 5, 1992

Edward (Big Ed) McMillan passed on with extraordinary peace last Thursday afternoon at the Laguna Honda Care facility in San Francisco.

His committed and determined struggle was an inspiration to his friends and others around him. He lived his life fully, almost to his last hour, enriched with every new experience he could discover.

Although he was born in Michigan, Ed was reared and educated in Alabama, but if you asked him where he was from, he'd say, "New Orleans," which in many ways is true. He became who he was to be there; a gentleman, a bartender's bartender and an artist, specializing in costume making. Indeed, his costumes were chosen as "Best in Mardi Gras" on more than one occasion.

Although the parties at the Castro Station are legendary, few know that this one man was the brains and manpower behind the party and holiday decorations. Ed was truly one of the cornerstones of their reputation for being the "more than world famous" Castro Station. Although public acclaim was not his goal, perhaps one of the greatest moments of his life was winning the 1992 Gay Community Award for "Best Decorations".

Edward Dale McMillan leaves a loving sister, Linda; loving mother, Helen; a heart-given standard of performance excellence for his co-workers and an enriched love of life and each other for all who knew him. Ed, you are the "T".

There will be a service and liberation of ashes with details available by calling (415) 255-6032 after Nov. 13. ▼

Bradford Hatch York, Jr.

March 31, 1965–Nov. 6, 1992

Brad passed away on Nov. 6 at 11:45 a.m. He was a man of erudite precision, a problem solver, a person who strived for perfection in any endeavor that he pursued. Computers were the perfect medium for Brad's talents. So adept was Brad at interpreting software that in the course of a few hours he could figure out how to maximize the utility of any program put before him. He was a freelance desktop publishing artist, though he was closely associated with Prep, Inc. Brad had a profound respect for Kay and Carol, with whom he had worked closely.

Brad was born and raised in New Hampshire, moving to the Bay Area the week of his 18th birthday. He established friendships that will transcend his death. One cannot speak of Brad without mentioning that his love of animals rivaled his love of people. (The animals never disappointed him.) Brad could be a difficult person. He was demanding of those he loved. In pushing us to succeed he showed us how much he cared. His friends were poked and prodded along by his sense of perfectionism; it was his tool that he used to guide us on our own separate paths toward achievement. For that, Brad, we are deeply grateful.

Brad is survived by his mother, Barbara, who never left his side during this arduous journey; his lover Carlos with whom he rediscovered joy; his ex-wife Danielle, from whom the divorce was only a piece of paper; and by his siblings Katherine, Faith and Peter. Brad's friends know who they are and will always have him near them, in spirit.

In lieu of flowers, it has been requested that donations be made to VNA and Hospice of No. California, 1900 Powell St., Suite 1000, Emeryville, CA 94608. ▼

William Lee

Dec. 14, 1944–Oct. 30, 1992

Bill left this life due to AIDS complications on Friday, Oct. 30. As they had been during these past months, a number of Bill's close friends were with him at the time of his death. Bill, a native Pennsylvanian, first came to San Francisco

in 1976. He had worked as senior systems analyst for the Shaklee Corporation for the past eight years. Among his various interests, which included dining out and theater, Bill enjoyed entertaining his friends at home. His Christmas Eve parties were a tradition.

He was a member of the former Comstock Club and charter member of the Sain Francis Club in which he served on its board as a director and secretary.

During his three-year battle with AIDS, Bill was not only supported by many of his friends, which would be too numerous to list here, but also his loving sister Dorothy and her husband, John Merritt of Erie, Pa. We will all miss him greatly.

A celebration of life will be held at Bill's home on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 2:30 p.m. at 1915 California St., #201, SF.

Please call Bruce at 474-9646 or Jill at 441-6182 for information. ▼

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Obituaries

Frank William Schader

Aug. 27, 1951–Nov. 3, 1992

Frank was a talented musician and composer. He provided musical direction and performed in numerous shows at Foothill College, Los Altos Conservatory Theater, Hillbarn Theater and more. He composed and performed in *Animal Farm* and *Lulu* at San Francisco Repertory Theater. His musical *Bad Girls*, was selected for the 1989-1990 ASCAP Musical Theater Workshop conducted by Charles Strouse in New York City.

He taught other performers to believe in themselves and their talent. He said that everyone had the ability to sing (except Wells).

Frank worked at the Metropolitan Furniture Corporation for 12 years.

Frank died at home in the loving care of his partner, Ray, and friends Wells, Lynne, Jann, Gary and Max. He fought to deny the AIDS virus its objective, but in the end, the virus stopped his music on earth. We know his music plays on.

We'll miss his nonstop energy, hyper-sonic speech, videos, laughs, and smiles. Pepsi better worry about its future sales with the loss of its number one customer.

Funeral and Interment Services were held on November 6, at St. Francis Episcopal Church and Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. Frank requested contributions to be made to the San Francisco AIDS Emergency Fund, 1550 California St., #7, SF 94109. ▼

Richard W. Darrington

Oct. 10, 1945–Nov. 6, 1992

Richard left surrounded by family and friends in his longtime home in San Francisco. Until September 1992, Richard taught in the San Francisco Unified School District at Woodrow Wilson High School, and previously at Presidio Middle School, as well as serving as president of the S.F. Teacher's Credit Union.

Among the passions of Richard's life were the San Francisco Opera (season subscriber for 20 years); the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (member of the Tudor Guild); his cats Figaro, Shadow and Fortune; his classic '56 Chevy; and computer science. His hobbies included travel, gourmet cooking, fine wine, and his Eureka St. Victorian.

Richard's gentle generosity of spirit, ability to inspire others, dry wit and general optimism, will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his father, Francis Darrington; sister Carolyn Larsen; cousin Laurie Richards; nephews James, John and Jeremy Larsen; and beloved friends, including Junona Jonas and Bruce Bower, Carolyn Aha, Rodney Slusser, Jan Hudson, and many others.

A special memorial celebrating Richard's life will be held at 4:30 p.m. November 17, at the Forest Hill Association Clubhouse, 381 Magellan Ave., San Francisco. Donations in his name may be made to the S.F. AIDS Foundation, P.O. Box 426182, SF CA, 94142. ▼

Dennis Alan Hill

April 19, 1965–Nov. 4, 1992

Dennis passed away surrounded by those who loved him: Fred, Joe, Pam & Marty. He was cared for and supported by Pam, Earl, and Brian. They never left his side through his long and courageous battle with AIDS. He is loved and missed by a host of friends.

Through his final days he taught us "not to take life for granted." We saw and felt all his pain and felt helpless when we couldn't stop it. His favorite song was by his cherished Patti Labelle, "I Can't Complain." After what we saw you go through my little buddy, we can't complain. Until we meet again. We love you. We would like to thank the brave, courageous, and dedicated staff at Davies Medical Center. At Dennis's request no memorial service will be held.

As to his next journey, Craig said he had lots of questions and he expects answers. ▼

Brian F. Klimkowsky

June 22, 1948–Oct. 30, 1992

Never one to miss a party, Brian, bedridden with AIDS, departed quickly and peacefully, his spirit doubtlessly racing toward the Castro to join in the Halloween festivities.

Always the adventurer, Brian threw himself wholeheartedly into life. Daredevil skier, corporate communicator, long-distance runner, indefatigable hiker, energetic volunteer, Brian loved to push the limits, to test his mettle, to experience the satisfaction of being his personal best. This boldness was his genius.

Brian played trumpet in the Gay and Lesbian Band for three years. He was Board Member of the Shasta-Diablo branch of Planned Parenthood, as well as a founding member of Contra Costa AIDS Task Force.

He is survived by his partner/lover/best friend, Dr. David Mahon; father Peter; sisters Beverly and Dianne; and brother Peter.

A memorial is planned for Sunday, Nov. 15. Call (510) 439-5032 for details. Brian's ashes will be scattered at the family summer home in Maine with those of his mother's, who predeceased her son in August.

We count ourselves in nothing else so happy as in our souls remembering our dear friend. ▼

Carl Leroy Boyles, Jr.

April 21, 1952–Nov. 4, 1992

Carl, "Chairman of the Entertainment Committee," passed away peacefully and with great dignity in his home.

He achieved his last goal of living through the election to see Clinton elected president. Lee graduated from Milby High School in Houston, Texas, in 1970. He received a drama education bachelor's degree from the University of Texas in 1975. San Francisco became his home in 1977. He tailored leather and suede clothing and other goods and worked with floral design.

Lee was very well loved by all. He spent much of his life helping his friends and family. He lived his life to the fullest and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his father, Dr. Carl L. Boyles; sisters Nikki Carter and Bekki Clark; brothers Gil and Kit Boyles; and stepbrothers Paul, Gene and Jack Hanagriff.

Lee's memory will be celebrated at 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, at Unity Church for Love and Light, 607S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX. ▼

W. Craig Pearce

1961–1992

Craig Pearce died Sunday, Nov. 8, at 8:30 p.m. of AIDS.

At his bedside were his mother, Bette, and his close friends Milton Palis and Ray Cope.

Craig's work and hobby was electronics. He worked by Symbolics Computers in Massachusetts before packing his Mazda pickup and driving to California. He ended up in San Francisco where he tutored. He came down with PCP shortly after arriving in San Francisco, but was on the mend quickly. He volunteered at the Family Link and did what he could to support other AIDS agencies.

Craig is survived by his mother, Bette; his father, Warren, Sr.; his brothers Jeff, Alan, Greg, Donald, Warren Jr.; his sisters, Judy Houtman, Beth Blackstone, all of Massachusetts; and brother David of New Hampshire; and by those who loved him in his adopted home of San Francisco.

A memorial gathering will be held at 400 Baker St., Apt. 104 (at Hayes), San Francisco, Saturday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. Memorials to the Family Link or AIDS charity of your choice will be appreciated.

As to his next journey, Craig said he has lots of questions and he expects answers. ▼

Timothy Mark Flothow

On Thursday, October 29 at 4:08 p.m., Timothy passed away peacefully at his home in San Francisco.

His only regret was not living long enough to see George Bush soundly defeated in his quest for another term as president.

Tim is survived by his parents in Southern California and his brothers Carl of Oakland and Jonathan of Brooklyn, NY.

His extended family was large, encompassing both coasts. With Tim, it was okay to be a sissy, but you couldn't be a wimp. His expectations of his caregivers and friends were high, but he exacted no less of a standard from himself. Demanding quality and excellence in all things he would not allow himself to be perceived as a victim of AIDS. Throughout his illness, he chose carefully and wisely, always needing to know the specifics and consequences of any proposed therapies.

He enjoyed being center stage and holding court with his friends. One on one, he could be the world's greatest listener and confidant.

His humor was contagious with a willingness to laugh at himself as well as at anybody else. Gossip nourished him almost as much as the special foods he savored so much. Time leaves a legacy of books to be read, music to be heard, plays and movies to be seen, and a magical love of life.

A memorial service will be held in celebration of Tim on November 22, at 3 p.m., at the Neptune Society's Columbarium at One Lorraine Court, San Francisco. ▼

Gene Weber

1930–1992

Gene passed away on the morning of Friday, Oct. 2, at Fort Miley Veterans Hospital after living with AIDS for more than five years. He was surrounded by his close friends including Louis Mulder, his companion of 30 years. He was taken care of by a very loving staff, and those who were close to Gene are very appreciative of the love and care they gave him during the last days of his life.

Gene was born in Burbank, Calif., but lived in the Bay Area for more than 40 years. He received his B.A. degree from UC Berkeley. He was well-known as a stockbroker, financial advisor, and tax consultant, serving various companies such as Dupont, Thomson McKinnon, and Prudential.

Gene Weber was an adventurous man who traveled all over the world. He loved to scuba dive and was a gifted photographer. He produced many memorable multi-image slide productions of his travels, as well as gay life during the '70s and '80s which have been donated to the new gay and lesbian archive at the SF Library. He was also a gourmet cook, a founding member of the Burgundy Wine Tasting Society, an expert cabinet maker, and a former president of the English Speaking Union.

He will be greatly missed by many friends. Donations can be made to Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF, CA, 94110. ▼



Gerald Mencin

October 25, 1991

Raymond Flynn

October 22, 1985

Your Friends Miss You

Writer Richard Hall Falls to AIDS

With the quiet grace that was the hallmark of his demeanor to all who knew him, Richard Hall left this life on Oct. 29 from complications associated with AIDS. A teacher, editor and writer, Richard was a loyal friend to the many who knew and were helped and inspired by him. He was in his mid-60s.

His legacy is six books demonstrating his bountiful talent: *The Butterscotch Prince* (1975), *Three Plays for a Gay Theater* (1983), *Couplings: A Book of Stories* (1983), *Letter From a Great Uncle and Other Stories* (1985), *Family Fictions* (1991) and *Fidelities* (1992). Shortly before his death Richard finished another novel, a thriller with an AIDS theme, *The Spinner of Tales*, which his family plans to publish.

The most engaging characteristic of his fiction was his ability to inhabit the character of his chosen narrators.

Richard was also the author of a landmark essay called "Gay Fiction Comes Home," which was published in the *New York Times Book Review* in 1988. It was the first formal recognition of the worth of gay literature in the nation's most influential newspaper.

A Harvard graduate who gained an M.A. in English Education at NYU, Richard taught at Inter-American University in Puerto Rico and held various jobs in advertising and public relations.

He is survived by his sister, Dr. Marlene Hall, also an author (*The Lavender Couch*), who practices psychotherapy in Oakland. — Marv. Shaw

Steve Walton

Feb. 23, 1947–Sept. 16, 1992

Steve Walton, native Californian and long-time resident of San Francisco, died peacefully in his sleep, with AIDS complications on September 16th, 1992 at his home near Dolores Park.

Born in Torrance, CA on February 23, 1947, Steve served his country in the military; travelled in Europe and Afghanistan, and lived in various communities in California and Oregon before making San Francisco his home in 1973. The City nurtured interests close to his heart: gardening and organic foods, history and Victoriana. Steve, in turn, contributed generously to the quality of life in San Francisco.

Along the west side of Dolores Park, between the J-Church trolley tracks and Church St., lies a strip of ground that Steve developed into a public garden, mostly of perennials, including roses, iris and jasmine. First on his own and then with the support of neighborhood volunteers and the Dept. of Parks and Recreation, who presented him their Volunteer 1991 Award, Steve created a beautiful and lasting gift for the people of San Francisco.

With his partner of 18 years, Jameson Patton, Steve restored to perfection a Queen Anne era house and garden. Steve considered this to be his greatest artistic achievement. His exquisite taste and attention to detail made this a stunningly beautiful environment, but more importantly, a center of grace and warmth that welcomed a wide circle of friends and family. During the seventies, French folksinger, Maxine le' Forrestier immortalized their home in song, "Le Maison Bleue" or "San Francisco" is still very well known in France and tells about the home whose doors were always open.

During his early twenties, Steve worked as a pre-school teacher. He communicated easily with children and was godfather to 7 or 8, including his name-sake nephew Steve, who was cared for daily by Steve's first 2 years. The two of them appeared together on television interviews about living with AIDS. (Steve's photograph and thoughts about AIDS also appeared on the front page of USA TODAY.) Steve was truly interested in children's vision of the world and in their development as ethical and creative beings. He was also a firm disciplinarian with a great respect for tradition. That love of tradition and history was the basis for his friendships with elderly people, from whom he collected stories and impressions of the past.

An amateur historian and genealogist, Steve completed an enormously detailed family history of his father's side, which included a signer of the Declaration of Independence and an attorney general under Abraham Lincoln. He presented 16-foot long copies of the family tree to about 50 family members at a reunion at his home. During his last years, Steve had begun to collect historical autographs and documents, having already amassed an impressive collection of antique and hand decorated linens as well as objets d'art.

Steve served as an active influence in the organic food industry in the Bay Area. After the passage of the Organic Foods Act of 1979, he and Stuart Fishman negotiated successfully with the Dept. of Health Services to clarify terms and definitions used in the act. As Jameson Patton's partner, Steve also influenced Jameson's business, Greenleaf Produce, which through their process of buying and selling organic produce educated the restaurateurs as well as the farmers. Steve also oversaw the Greenleaf kitchen, which provided a hot vegetarian meal every day for its workers.

Steve gave unselfishly of himself to several friends who died of AIDS before him. They include Raymond Marais, Joel Daily, and the love of his life, Jameson. He tended him night and day in the months before Jameson's death on Feb. 3, 1992. This loving care was repaid to Steve at the end of his own life by devoted friends who clamored for their turn to care for him. Steve, his friends and family, cannot express enough their appreciation of the care of Dr. Wally Krampf and Steve's favorite nurse, Dana Folse at Davies Outpatient Infusion Services and the true angel of all hospice workers, Anne Marie Madison.

Steve is survived by his mother, Gloria, of Torrance, CA, his father, Neal, of Kingman, AZ, his brother, Dave, of San Francisco, his nephews, Steve and Shane, his nieces, Maria and Vanessa, and many loving friends.

Steve's funeral mass was celebrated in the basilica of Mission Dolores on September 21st, with interment at Cypress Lawn Cemetery and a private reception at his home. He requested that donations in his name be directed to the Hope House on Dolores Street. He was a remarkable man, greatly loved and already greatly missed.

Obituaries

David Allen Anthony
(aka Dee-Dee)

July 5, 1960-Nov. 8, 1992

David passed away peacefully at the home of his parents in Walnut Creek in the early morning hours of November 8 after a long and valiant struggle against AIDS. A native of San Francisco, David loved this city and he knew just how to take advantage of its "fringe benefits." He might best be remembered as a habitué

of the Trocadero or the End Up (as well as other fine establishments) and the City Athletic Club where he worked as a trainer for a couple of years. David loved life and he knew how to live! Few could resist his irrepressible charm, beguiling good looks, infectious wit and his sense of intrigue.

David graduated from CCAC and was proud of his accomplishments as the senior graphic designer at Steve Tolleson Design, where he leaves behind many friends/associates. His devoted family and friends were with him to the end: his extraordinary and unfailing mother, Ernestine; father, Bill; brothers Philip and Mark; adored niece Jennifer; aunt Carlene; dear grandmother Ethyl; and friends Austin, Norman, Geoff, Megan and Greg (and so

many others).

There will be a celebration of David's life on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1-5 p.m. For more information, please contact Geoff at (415) 621-7612 or Norman at (415) 931-6019.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in David's name to the AIDS Emergency Fund, 1550 California St. #7, SF, CA 94109. ▼

Douglas Keith McCoy

Douglas Keith McCoy died November 6 in San Francisco. He was 37. He was a freelance makeup artist throughout Europe and the United States for many years. He attended college in San Mateo for one year.

He is survived by his parents Keith and Dorothy McCoy, and brother Kenneth McCoy, all of Pacifica.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. November 12 at Chapel by the Sea Funeral Home, 801 Oceana Blvd. in Pacifica. Interment will be at Skylawn Memorial Park. ▼

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For more information about these and other studies contact HIVCare Client Coordinator Drew Catapano at (415) 353-6215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

Book Aims to Educate SF Gay IV-Drug Users

by David O'Connor

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation and 18th Street Services on November 9 announced the release of an activity book aimed at educating gay and bisexual injection drug users about AIDS.

According to 18th Street Services, there are at least 3,000 gay and bisexual injection drug users in San Francisco, 65 percent of whom are HIV-positive.

"This book is an attempt to educate gay and bisexual drug users by providing material that will engage them," said Les Pappas of the AIDS Foundation. "The message is harm reduction, meaning we recognize that people are going to use drugs, so we have to show them, in a non-judgmental way, how to do it safely."

Stephen Manning, executive director of 18th Street Services, said that gay and bisexual injection drug users make up a population that is deviated and receives scant attention in AIDS education efforts.

"Even in the gay community, people who use injection drugs are considered outsiders," Manning said. "This project is a way of dealing with their needs in a way that respects their needs."

The activity book contains sections on how to clean needles and inject safely; condom use; antibody testing and ear-



ly treatment; needle exchange; and how to get substance abuse treatment. A map showing needle exchange and health service sites in the city also is included.

The books will be distributed at 18th Street Services, the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic and at Prevention Point needle exchange sites around the city.

"So much comes across my desk, but I saw this and thought, here's something I could really use," said Jon McDaid, HIV specialist at the Bay Area Addiction Rescue and Treatment Clinic on Geary Street. "People are saturated with information but this is unique." ▼

David J. "Decker"

Born: July 29, 1959
Santa Monica
Departed: Nov. 6, 1992
San Francisco

Aris Padron

Nov. 22, 1947-Oct. 27, 1992

After a three-month battle with pneumonia, Aris passed quietly and peacefully into the next life. Friend, lover and confidant, your smile will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved you. Goodbye, my Poopie. I will surely see you in that next life. ▼

Study Predicts 55,000 NYC AIDS Orphans by Year 2000

United Press International

NEW YORK — As many as 55,000 New York City youngsters and young adults could be orphaned by AIDS by the year 2000, a United Hospital Fund study reported on November 5.

The study said about 30,000 of those without parents will be under 18, which could place heavy strains on the city's social service and foster care systems.

According to the projected figures, the majority of the orphans, 58 percent, will be black, 30 percent will be Hispanic, and 11 percent white.

The study was developed by Carol Levine, executive director of the Orphan Project, and David Michaels, associate professor of epidemiology at the City University of New York Medical School-Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education.

It was presented at a conference of families, social workers, church leaders and

educators grappling with psychological problems, and social welfare and custody issues that surround children left motherless by AIDS.

"It's like an iceberg moving in the water," Levine said.

"What we can see now are the numbers of children who are HIV positive or who have AIDS. What has been invisible — or below the surface — until now are the very rapidly growing numbers of young people, living in families with AIDS, who will be orphaned by the disease as time passes," she said.

Levine and Michaels said the study is based on a mathematical model based on "the most sophisticated forecast to date" of children whose mothers will die.

It is the first to take into account both fertility rates and reported and projected AIDS deaths among adult women younger than 50.

The results were adjusted for under-reporting of HIV-re-

lated deaths, pediatric AIDS death, infant mortality, ethnic and racial variation in fertility and deceased fertility associated with late-stage HIV disease, the two researchers said.

"A strikingly large percentage of these youths will be teenagers, the children of parents who were infected in the 1980s," said Michaels. "The population of orphans will be greatest in urban areas where large numbers of infected women live."

"I anticipate that up to a third of the nation's children left motherless by AIDS will be in New York City," she said.

Commenting on the study, Bruce Vladeck, president of the United Hospital Fund, said, "The phenomenon will create a new cadre of children almost as large as the population now in foster care. Their care will require a range of specialized services that we have only begun to identify and provide." ▼

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More Post-Mortems

by Michael C. Botkin

From a queer perspective, the recent elections—local regional and national—were a mixed bag of flawed victories, minor triumphs, and occasional disappointments. Overall, attempts to use homophobia as a “hot button” witch-hunting tactic blew up in the faces of the would-be gay-baiters; but homophobia for its own sake did OK.

Locally, the historic “Milk seat” on the Board of Supervisors, kept warm (albeit not very) the past decade by Harry Britt, was lost. Cleve Jones, the only serious queer contender for it, came in eighth: two ranks too low to win a spot. The Board’s “gay block” is thus reduced from three to two, and some suspect in may soon drop to one (of which more below).

On the positive side, Jones did come in ahead of ex-police chief Richard Hongisto, demonstrating that the queer block is still more valuable than the Westside homophobe vote. The gay vote is also credited with fueling Neighborhood activist Sue Bierman’s impressive second-place finish, and in saving Terrance Hallinan’s butt (he squeaked by in sixth place) after he suffered damage from a last-minute red-baiting smear campaign by conservative Supervisor Bill Maher.

Finally, gay and lesbian candidates did well elsewhere on the ballot. Angie Fa made an impressive first-place finish in her run for the School Board. Tim Wolfred easily won re-election to the College Board.

On the balance, this election saw a slight shift towards the right, but not by any decisive margin. Maher’s hit piece did unseat lukewarm-liberal Gonzales, but may end up hurting Maher most in the long run. Despite massive spending, conservative Board member Tom Hsieh failed to win the presidency of the Board, losing to “Lamborghini Liberal” Angela Alioto. Downtown and “radio personality” Barbara Kauffman did buy her way into a seat, but this still leaves Mayor Jordan one vote short of a conservative majority.

Of course, he may get this anyway if the rumors are true that Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg is going to be offered a position in the new Clinton administration. If she goes to Washington, Jordan gets to appoint her successor, and we can be pretty sure that whoever it is won’t be a liberal and won’t be queer.

It is possible that she’ll refuse the offer, but this doesn’t seem very likely. A seat on the Board of Supervisors is technically a half-time job, and it pays about \$20,000 a year; plus you have to hang out daily with all the other supervisors. If you were offered a choice between this and being “AIDS-czar,” which would you take?

A mixed bag

At the state level there was, if anything, a slight shift to the left. Both Boxer and DiFi won, despite Hirschsohn’s late surge in the polls, fueled, as all such surges were this year, by last-minute high-volume negative “attack” ads. (I have to admit here that, at the last minute in the

been a consistently hesitant and lukewarm supporter of queer rights and AIDS activism.

He did fulfill his promise to deliver a major speech on AIDS before the election; but only did so in the last week of the campaign. He did speak out against Measure 9 in Oregon; again, only at the last

Commentary

minute, only locally, and accompanied by many waffling disclaimers. He has declared his intention to reverse the ban on queers in the military; but he’s also gratuitously declared his opposition to granting gays and lesbians domestic partners benefits.

His early acid test will be the appointment of an AIDS czar. If Clinton appoints someone like Nancy Pelosi or John James or Jonathan Mann, then he means to take his promise to support the war against AIDS seriously. Appointing some temporizing mainstreamer, like June Osborne (currently chair of the national AIDS commission and a rather lukewarm critic of the Bush administration) indicates a purely cosmetic commitment.

And if, as he is rumored to be contemplating, he puts in ex-Surgeon General C. Everett Koop — Reagan apologist, Mormon, open homophobe, currently an insurance industry lobbyist — this announces more business-as-usual do-nothingism and amounts to a major betrayal of queers in order to pander to homophobes.

Other rumors suggest that Clinton may keep his promise by appointing two different AIDS czars, one on the White House staff and one at the Department of Health and Human Services. This promoting booth, I found myself unable to vote for DiFi. I knew she had a huge margin in the polls, and I can never forgive her for vetoing the Domestic Partners bill when she was mayor. Also, I hate her hairstyles.

California Republicans had expected to win major gains in the state legislature this year, because of the recent redistricting which favored them almost as much as the previous one favored the Democrats. But, written off by the Bush campaign and badly divided along fundamentalist-moderate lines, they failed to win a majority in either house and instead barely held their own. And Governor “Sneaky Pete” Wilson’s welfare-slashing Proposition 165 (“the son of Prop. 13”) was defeated, a decisive loss for Wilson’s dreams of inflicting a “California Miracle” on our hapless state and using it to launch a 1996 presidential campaign.

Other states were a mixed bag. Oregon’s Proposition 9 was defeated, but despite being roundly denounced by every political voice to the left of Attila the Hun it garnered an impressive 43 percent of the vote. This demonstrated a substantial “Duke effect”; people who were too embarrassed to tell pollsters their true feelings on the subject but who gave full voice to their prejudice once they were safe in the privacy of the voting booth. If the funda-



mentalists who sponsored the bill had merely toned down its abusive rhetoric a wee little bit, it might have passed.

Amendment 2 in Colorado, banning anti-discrimination laws and overturning existing municipal legislation protecting queers, did pass. As in Oregon, it did far better in the actual vote than it had in the polls. On the positive side, the prompt declaration of a queer boycott against Col-

orado could, if it succeeds in preventing enactment of the law, snatch a back-handed victory out of this otherwise miserable defeat.

Most lesbian and gay incumbents at the state level won re-election, including Representatives Karen Clark in Minnesota and Barney Frank and Gerry Studds in Massachusetts. A last-minute effort to gay-bait Democratic Senator Hollings in South

Carolina boomeranged on its perpetrator. An anti-discrimination law survived a challenge in Portland, Maine but another was overturned in Tampa, Florida. Overall the gay movement largely succeeded in holding its ground but made few gains.

The acid test

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Winnie Mandela Embroiled in Anti-Gay Murder Case Again

by Jim Peron

Evidence implicating Winnie Mandela, the estranged wife of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, in the 1990 murder of a black South African teenager continues to mount. The killing continues to have anti-gay overtones as well.

The brutal murder allegedly stemmed from accusations by Mandela's maid, Xoliswa Falati, that four black South African youths were having homosexual relations with white Methodist minister Paul Verryn. Verryn, a senior staff member of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, worked with victims of political violence. Falati claimed he was having sex with the boys in his Soweto home. One of the boys, 14-year-old Stompie Seipei, was subsequently found savagely beaten to death.

Jerry Richardson, Mandela's bodyguard, was ultimately convicted of the murder. Mandela was herself convicted of kidnapping and assault charges in the highly-

publicized case, but has always claimed she was out of town when the murder took place. Various witnesses supported Mrs. Mandela's claims at that time, but now several of them say they lied to protect her and were afraid that she would harm them if they didn't support her alibi.

The Mandela defense began to unravel when she allegedly appeared at Falati's residence (in the servant quarters of a second Mandela home not far from the Mandela mansion) in the early hours of Sunday, April 5, this year. Falati has said that Mandela "was drunk, in a foul mood and brandishing a Makarov pistol." Mandela allegedly physically evicted Falati from the servants quarters, throwing her clothes into the street. "She came at me like a madwoman. She was screaming at me that I was going to prison," Falati told the press.

Falati claimed that Mrs. Mandela was "dumping me now that I've served my purpose." She also said, "I am

very puzzled. I protected her. I was prepared to go to jail for six years from something I did not do. I am afraid for my life."

"This is just the tip of the iceberg — it would take me two weeks to reveal all that I know," Falati told the *Johannesburg Star* at the time, further alleging that "there are many sensitive things I have not revealed. She does a lot of things and gets away with it."

Falati later claimed that various newspapers, including the prestigious *London Sunday Times*, simply invented any contradiction of Mandela's version of events on the night of the murder. She now maintains an unknown white reporter was lurking around the Mandela house and that he must have made up the quotes. But those claims only came after Nelson Mandela reportedly offered her some \$25,000 to pay for legal fees.

Just as the Falati incident was settling, another Mandela associate came forth with information on Seipei's murder. John Morgan, who acted as Mandela's driver and who was charged with involvement in the murder, gave an exclusive interview to South Africa's *Sunday Times*, alleging that Winnie Mandela was present during the assault on Seipei and three other boys, all of whom she accused of being gay.

Morgan, like Falati, alleged that "Winnie used me and dumped me."

Morgan's interview filled in the details concerning the night of the murder. He alleged that Richardson ordered him to help pick up the youths; this was allegedly done specifically on the orders of Mandela. He said the boys were very frightened when Morgan, Richardson, Falati, Falati's daughter, and three members of Mandela's so-called "football club" ordered them onto the bus. "They got on to the bus toying

and singing with the others but I could see their faces. The four boys, they were scared."

Morgan said that the boys were then taken to the Mandela home where Winnie began the interrogation. He said that Mandela struck the first blows of the evening, hitting the 14-year-old boy three times in the face. "Mrs. Mandela came into the room and started asking the boys, 'Why do you sleep with a European, a reverend... Do you let him fuck you, you dogs?' He says she then hit Seipei and Kenny Kgase, another of the boys. "Then everybody started to hit them."

"They were in a circle around the boys. Winnie hit them with a sjambok [a heavy whip], not choosing one target, but hitting whoever was in front of her." He said that the boys were then picked up and body-slapped to the floor. "Before they hit the ground there were already many kicks in their faces." Morgan said that the trial testimony of two of the victims, Kgase and Thabiso Mono, was essentially correct in details and that the testimony of Mandela and Falati were lies.

Morgan says that after his arrest Mandela came to him and told him not to tell anyone what happened. She paid his bail and threw him a party at her home. Morgan says, "Throughout the day, she kept telling me to say she was in Brandfort on December 29. She never threatened me, but I knew what happened to the other boys. I was afraid if I didn't lie."

Another of Mandela's co-defendants, Katiza Cebekhulu, also made statements to the police verifying the incidents as related by Morgan. It is believed that Cebekhulu was willing to testify at the Mandela trial to these facts but he disappeared just before the trial was to begin. Cebekhulu was allegedly taken by the ANC to a prison outside of South Africa, where he was held to keep him silent. It is now believed that another Mandela associate, Gabriel Mekgwe, who fled to Zambia to avoid testifying against Mandela, has returned to South Africa and is now in consultation with lawyers

concerning his testimony on these matters.

According to Cebekhulu, on the night of Seipei's murder Mandela summoned Dr. Abu-Baker Asvat to her home to examine the youth. Asvat, a prominent Soweto doctor and longtime Mandela associate, refused to treat the boy and urged Mandela to take him to a hospital for immediate treatment. Cebekhulu, in a statement made to the police before his disappearance, but not used in the trial because he could not be cross-examined, said, "Dr. Asvat came to Winnie's house and investigated Stompie."

"While Dr. Asvat examined Stompie, I saw that he shook his head. He spoke to Winnie in English. I could not hear what they said. I heard Dr. Asvat say the word 'hospital.' Dr. Asvat then drove away." Cebekhulu said that after Asvat left, "Winnie, Jerry, Themba, and Sonwabo put paper in Stompie's mouth. They put a rag around his mouth and tied it behind his head. They tied his hands and feet with a rag as well."

At this point, "Jerry and Sonwabo put Stompie in the boot [trunk] of a red car. Stompie was still alive. They drove away." Five hours later they came back to Mandela's home without the boy. "I heard them talk to Winnie and say, 'it is finished with Stompie,'" Morgan confirmed this in his statement, saying "I got to the house early and I was told by Winnie to pick up the dog and dump him. I looked through the window of the back room and saw him lying there." Morgan's story deemphasizes any part he may have played in the murder but does substantially agree with the testimony of Cebekhulu, Kgase, and Mono.

The *Christian Science Monitor* has reported that Asvat was murdered two weeks after he refused to treat Seipei. Asvat's brother, Ebrahim Asvat, said that "we have always believed that Abu-Baker was assassinated and that it was not an ordinary robbery." The *Monitor* has said its investigation implicated Winnie Mandela in that murder, as well. It is being

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Asian Pacific AIDS Conference Opens With India's Veep

United Press International

NEW DELHI - An Asian-Pacific conference on AIDS opened November 8 with Indian Vice President Kocheril R. Narayanan calling for increased public awareness to help remove the social stigma attached to the disease.

The meeting, a follow-up to the first Asian-Pacific AIDS conference held in Australia in 1990, is aimed at finding ways to control the rapid spread of AIDS in a region which until recently saw the disease as largely a Western problem.

Narayanan said the AIDS scourge called for a multi-pronged response, including social action, education and stepped-up medical research.

The four-day conference, attended by some 2,000 delegates, began with Indian Pub-

lic Health Minister Makhan L. Fotedar shaking hands with and patting AIDS-infected children in a gesture designed to underline that the disease cannot spread through casual contact.

Narayanan said AIDS victims "need compassion and understanding" and that it was cruel and unfair to treat them like lepers.

Recent studies by the World Health Organization have named Thailand and India as the countries in the Asia-Pacific region most threatened by major HIV epidemics.

In India, where health services already are abysmal for a population of 850 million people, the government has been slow to promote programs for prevention and screening of AIDS or to ar-

range medical care for patients with full-blown AIDS.

The highest incidence of HIV in India has been reported in the two port cities of Bombay and Madras, which have strong links with the Middle East and Southeast Asia, respectively.

Arab visitors have been widely blamed for the sharp growth of prostitution in Bombay. A recent independent study said as many as 30 percent of Bombay prostitutes are infected with HIV.

Dr. R.N. Malaviya, the chief conference organizer, earlier told United Press International that the meeting will seek to help Asian-Pacific governments "put in place culturally sensitive and effective prevention programs on an urgent basis." ▀

'96 GOP

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multi-million dollar war chest to back him if he runs.

Gramm is a tireless campaigner who has a knack for getting publicity. On election night this year he was already all over the television giving his comments on the outcome.

Still, he has a lot of company battling on the party's right and the Republicans have not gone to Congress for its presidential candidate since Barry Goldwater in 1964.

James Baker:

Next to Quayle, Baker probably suffered the biggest political setback because of Bush's defeat. Had Bush won, Baker would have four more years as a major player in Washington, possibly as secretary of state, and could have gone into the next election as a big name in the party.

As is, he now will be out of office with his last job on his resume being a losing political handler.

With no real constituency in the party to call his own and being 66 by the next election, Baker's chance for the top spot probably has passed him by.

Pat Buchanan:

Buchanan challenged Bush in this year's primaries so he has the most current campaign team around. His red meat campaign won him some hard core followers among the right wing.



Pat Buchanan

But it also brought him many enemies who blame him for softening up Bush during the primaries to no avail and then throwing a major wet blanket on the party's convention with his prime time attack speech.

With so many other conservatives in the field, this political commentator may not be able to expand much on his base.

William Weld:

Possibly the best known Republican who could almost be called liberal, the governor of Massachusetts has a small but growing group of backers who would like to see the party project a more moderate image.

Weld is for abortion rights, which may be a plus in the party's effort to woo independents and dissatisfied Democrats.

But a moderate from Massachusetts running for president as a Republican just eight years after Ronald Reagan left office?

It is doubtful if the GOP will remake its image that much, that fast.

Someone else - former drug czar Bill Bennett, for example - could come forward.

And four years is a long time during which a candidate could emerge that no one is even thinking about now. ▼

Friday

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on winning the attorney general's office, as well as that of the governor in 1994.

Celebrating the Democrats' big victory at the Fairmont Hotel election night, Arlo Smith was being urged by a number of prominent Democrats to make another run for the office, regardless of what Lungren does. Clearly, the state Republican party in general, and Pete Wilson in particular, took a real drubbing at the polls last week. Many of the governor's closest advisors were privately saying that, for the time being at least, the first-term chief executive's future "isn't looking good."

Supervisor Carole Migden, Cris Arguedas, Tom Horn, and Jon Kouba were among those friends of Dianne Feinstein in Washington Tuesday to see California's new U.S. Senator take the oath of office.

Feinstein, the biggest vote-getter of either party in the state last week, has become a national media celebrity and, as one aide put it, "the '94 re-election campaign is already underway and we are getting lots of offers of help."

Among possible Republican opponents of the popular Feinstein in 1994 are the afore-mentioned Dan Lungren and outgoing Rep. Tom Campbell, who lost to Bruce Herschensohn in the June primary and might have hurt himself with former "moderate" supporters by rushing to kiss ass with the right-wing Herschensohn in an effort to defeat Democrat Barbara Boxer; Campbell, who had convinced voters that he was a "Republican even some Democrats could like" will have a tough time trying to sell himself off as a political "moderate" Barbara Boxer will be a good Senator too; many a political pundit is saying today that, despite an early double-digit lead over her right-wing opponent, had it not been for the brilliant get-out-the-vote effort engineered by Phil Angelides, combined with Clinton's coat-tails and Feinstein's skirt-tails, Boxer might well have lost her race.

And while Feinstein and Boxer were winning the states two U.S. Senate seats, a record seven women were winning California House seats, five were elected or re-elected to the state senate, and a record 22 became members of the state Assembly. However, going all but unnoticed in the state Democratic sweep: Susan Golding, an active Republican, became mayor of San Diego in the state's second largest city's "non-partisan" race.

The big winner in San Francisco politics clearly has to be Angela Alioto, who will become President of the Board for the next two years and is already telling friends she wants to be mayor. The City's big loser: Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, a good legislator who got himself tied up with a stupid issue (an ordinance he sponsored asking for non-cooperation between the SFPD and the INS regarding deportation of immigrants) coupled with the fact there were simply too many name Latino candidates in the race who



(Artwork by Jacki Randall)

Roberta Achtenberg

drew votes away from him; no one to blame in Gonzalez's loss except the politically ambitious candidates from his own community. Now, word has it, he might end up on Senator Dianne Feinstein's staff.

In Massachusetts, Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both openly gay House members, were easily re-elected (Frank with a whopping 72 percent and Studds with 62 percent of the vote) despite being challenged by heavily-financed right-wing Republicans; Studds' GOP opponent openly called him a "child molester."

Also in Congress (the new one): women will hold 54 House seats; Hispanic seats rose from 14 to 20, and black seats from 26 to 40 percent; in fact, last week's election puts the makeup of the new Congress (the 103rd) at 57 Democrats and 52 Republicans, with one (a Nov. 24th runoff between Georgia Senator Wyche Fowler, a Democrat, and his GOP opponent) undecided, with Democrats holding 259 of the 435 House seats; Republicans gained nine House seats last week with no change in the party makeup of the Senate.

January 20th will bring the inauguration of the youngest President since John Kennedy and the first sitting governor to be elected President in 60 years (FDR in 1932).

Ronald Reagan is said by friends (his) to be brooding in southern California over Bush's loss, but, according to those close to the former President, he says "Bush seemed to throw it away" and according to one "close friend" of Nancy Reagan, the former President is "furious" that he wasn't even asked to help in the campaign until late October "when it was already too late." This same unnamed "close friend" of the former First claims that "they were so pissed that I just know they secretly voted for Perot."

And one of my personal heroes, Elizabeth Taylor, although herself legally a British citizen and unable to vote, reportedly spent the weekend calling friends in California from such faraway places as Spain, urging them to vote for Clinton, saying "a vote for Clinton is a vote to help end the AIDS crisis" and adding that "I am urging my husband, Larry, all of my friends, and all of the American people to do the right thing by voting for the Clinton-Gore ticket." (I've said it before and I'll say it again - this lady is a saint;

they don't come any better.)

One of George Bush's biggest mistakes - letting the religious right, the Phyllis Schlaflys, the Pat Robertsons, and the Patrick Buchanans take over the GOP Convention in August; Guess what, George? The GOP's own post-election polls show that 20 percent-one-fifth - of the Republican religious right stabbed the President in the back by voting for Ross Perot.

Speaking of the religious types: the highest court of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ruled last week that an openly gay or lesbian cannot serve as a minister of any of its 11,500 churches; the immediate impact of the ruling was to nullify the hiring of the Rev. Jane Adams Spahr, a lesbian, as a co-pastor of a church in Rochester, N.Y., and is expected to discourage many other gay and lesbian ministers in the Presbyterian Church (USA) from openly declaring their sexual preference.

Proponents of term limits for congressmembers won in all 14 states where the issue was on the ballot; this just might be unconstitutional and

will end up in the courts.

Whatever happened to Jerry Brown? The "We the People" champion seemingly disappeared after the Demo Convention (and was hardly missed, it seems) but said through a "spokesperson" in Los Angeles this week that he was "too busy for interviews" but was said to be "pleased" that Bill Clinton won. Lisa Fredsti, Brown's spokesperson, said that Brown would still rather see himself in the White House than Clinton, "but there's no doubt he's happier than if the Republicans got back in" (gee, thanks Jerry; now go visit Mother Teresa, or something).

Sure, I think Roberta Achtenberg would make a good addition to the Clinton administration, in whatever job: she's smart, hardworking, and was there early for Clinton, (U.S. Attorney for northern California? Just a thought...) and reports out of Little Rock have it that no one is higher on Bill and Hillary's admirer list than Demo national chair Ron Brown; the dapper Brown reportedly "can name" his role in the incoming Clinton administration. ▼

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Mandela

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lieved that Asvat was deeply disturbed by the incident at the Mandela home and had told others about it. His murder may have been an attempt to cover up the Seipei murder.

Thulani Johannes Dlamini, convicted of Asvat's murder, claims that his accomplice was promised \$7,000 by Mrs. Mandela to carry out the murder. In a statement given to police, he refers to his accomplice Zakehela Mbatha as Johannes Ndlovu. Dlamini said, "Johannes Ndlovu came to my room at Merafe Hostel. He said we should go together to Dr. Asvat's in Rockville, and I went with him.

"Johannes said to me, 'Look, I have been bought by Winnie Mandela, and I must shoot Dr. Asvat dead.' He showed me a 9 mm pistol. He removed the magazine and I counted six live bullets."

"He said he would give his name to the nurse to get into the surgery. We went there together, and he gave his name to the nurse as Mandela Ekwayana, staying at Nancefield Hostel.

"He sat on a chair and then was called to see the doctor, who closed the door after [Ndlovu] entered the consult-

ing room.

"I heard two shots. Mandela came out and had the weapon in his hand.

"He said we should go, and we did, and he then told me he had done the job.

"We ran and had some drinks and then walked to Johanne's girlfriend in Kliptown, where he changed into different clothes.

"I took a taxi back to Merafe Hostel, and later saw pictures of Johannes and myself in the newspapers. I hid in Sebokeng. We returned on Wednesday, and were arrested on Thursday.

"When we returned, Johannes said he would collect 20,000 [Rands, about \$7,000] from Winnie Mandela on Friday."

At this time the police are re-investigating the Asvat murder and indicate they will wait until the investigation is complete to forward the information to the attorney general. Mandela alleges that Asvat was murdered because he had information about the homosexual affairs between the boys and Reverend Verry.

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HIV Watch

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Castro, but the enthusiasm may have been generated more by Bush's defeat than by Clinton's victory. He has posed double measure pleases me half as much. Twice as many bureaucrats means half the power in my book. The whole point of a "czar" — or more palatably, a national AIDS "coordinator" — is to focus authority, not diffuse it.

Queer issues had amazing staying power in this year's presidential campaigns. Gaya-baiting was used a lot, but it always backfired. Most pundits agree that the "Family Values" assault launched at the Republican National Convention was the last nail in the coffin of Bush's feeble re-election bid. The Bush campaign recognized this and backed off it as fast as they could — but not before the damage was done.

H. Ross Perot earned the odd distinction of fucking up

twice on gay issues, both times fatally! His initial queer-bashing, followed by a half-baked retraction, kicked off a chain reaction that led to his dropping out of the race in July. His later attempt to accuse Bush of fabricating a phony lesbian photo of his daughter only succeeded in convincing most people that he's a paranoid nut-case bigot (which, of course, he is).

So we got rid of Bush and rejected Ross. Let's hope that Clinton doesn't turn out to be a booby-prize. ▼

Signs

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vandalism as a hate crime.

"It's not random," added Deborah Kallgren, another department spokeswoman. The vandalism is directly aimed at the Gay Pride Coalition, she said.

Under the state's Adopt-a-Highway program, civic groups and other organizations pledge to pick up litter along select portions of Virginia roads. The highway department, in turn, puts up signs recognizing their efforts.

The coalition, an umbrella organization of 15 groups, joined the program to protest opposition to homosexuality

by Robertson and his CBN.

Their signs had been up only a short time when somebody used spray paint to obliterate the name of the coalition, Kallgren said. The signs were restored and put back in place, but within 36 hours the name was defaced again. The signs were painted over a third time after being fixed again.

CBN spokesman Gene Kapp said the network had nothing to do with the vandalism. "Certainly we deplore any kind of vandalism and any kind of violence that would be used in that fashion," he said.

If the coalition wants to erect the signs again, Kallgren said, the organization

will have to pay the cost. "We can't keep spending taxpayers' money to replace vandalized signs," she said.

Coalition spokesman Patrick Heck said having to pay \$150 "to clean up the highway is pretty upsetting." ▼

Correction

The telephone number given for the Lesbian and Gay United Airlines Coalition was incorrectly reported in last week's BAR. The correct number is (800) 999-3448.

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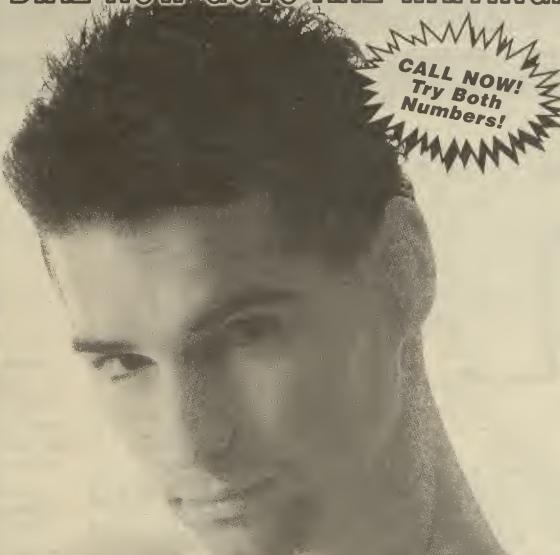
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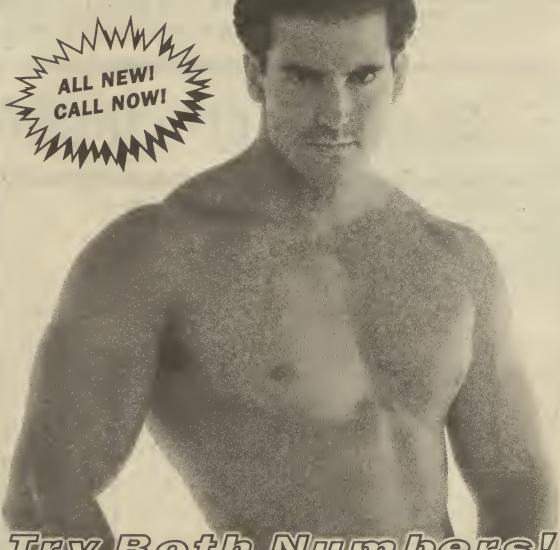
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Fading Beauty

It's Time to Fix Up the Castro

by Jim Emerson

A local theatre manager with 20 years experience in San Francisco concludes an interrogatory with a blunt and harsh assessment of the future of the Castro Theatre. "If you think the Blumenfelds are going to restore the Castro, you can forget it. They're too rich and too cheap."

The slow but steady decline of this local landmark raises many questions about the civic responsibility of private enterprise. What is the obligation — to the city and the neighborhood — of those who pull hundreds of thousands of dollars annually from the pockets of gays and lesbians? What does the community deserve in return for its support?

Ironically, the Castro has become of one the big success stories of the repertory film business since Blumenfeld Enterprises took over the lease in 1988. Yet sadly, a close examination of the Cas-

tro indicates only the minimum is spent on maintenance and preservation of this official city landmark, the only movie palace so designated. The current restoration of the Coronet Theatre on Geary, a theatre that is already in better shape than the Castro (and is of less historic significance) only serves to emphasize how

far behind the Castro has fallen.

Maintenance of the Castro is the responsibility of the Blumenfelds under the terms of their lease, and a glance at the current Blumenfeld chain provides unsettling indicators of the Castro's future. The Blumenfelds also run the Royal, Alhambra, and Regency I and II theatres. All but the Alhambra are characterized by their shabbiness, a longstanding condition any San Francisco filmgoer is already familiar with.

The *Bay Area Reporter* has learned that the remodel of the badly triplexed Alhambra Theatre was instigated (and partially funded) by the Disney organization. They refused to allow the Blumenfelds to debut their blockbuster *Roger Rabbit* unless they rehabilitated the venue. Even so, the remodel was done without the assistance of a preservation architect, and the honky-tonk coloration of the interior is a testament to the lack of pro-

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Castro Theatre Milestones

1910: Nasser Bros. Theatres open the first Castro Theatre at 485 Castro Street, currently the site of Cliff's Variety Store. This 600-seat theatre replaces the Nasser's smaller nickelodeon called the Liberty Theatre formerly at the intersection of Collingwood and 18th streets. The Liberty Theatre was a converted candy factory with an apartment upstairs where the Nassers lived.

1922: The "New Castro Theatre," designed by Timothy Pflueger, officially opens July 22 at 429 Castro Street where the Castro stands today. "New" is deleted from the official name the next day. Mayor James Rolph, Jr. and Judge Louis Ward preside over the opening ceremonies in a flower-filled auditorium. "El Castro March," written by Waldemar Lind, conductor of the New Castro Theatre Orchestra, plays for the first time to a sellout crowd with 1,875 persons. (Today the theatre has only 1,550 seats.) Critics rave about the ornate decorations but write little about *Across the Continent*, starring Wallace Reid and Theodore Roberts, the first film ever shown at the Castro.

1937: A small fire starts near the front of the Castro. Flames damage several rows of seats by the balcony. Heat melts parts of a parchment chandelier hanging over the auditorium, and the Castro gets painted and redecorated. Repairs are made to damaged seats, and a new chandelier is fashioned to fit the original fixture. A vertical "Castro" sign is added and the marquee modernized. Some new interior lighting fixtures are installed, and the Spanish Colonial edifice acquires some Art Deco touches.

1960: The Nassers sell the original Robert Morton pipe organ dating back to 1922 to reduce property taxes on the Castro.

1976: Mel Novikoff Theatre Co. leases the rundown Castro from the Nassers on August 4. Lease terms make the Cas-

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OutThere

Annals of Queerdom

by Orland Outland

The tabs have been unusually quiet lately, but now the *Enquirer* blasts back into action with a cover story on **Madonna** and **Ingrid Casavas**, co-star of the *Sex* book and former girlfriend of **Sandra Bernhard**. Bernhard was furious enough with Madonna to place a call to, of all people, **Howard Stern**'s radio show and call her "a jerk...she's been so evil with me!" According to the *Enquirer*, Ingrid's the reason their friendship broke up: Madonna stole her after Sandra brought her to "a kinky all-girl party that Madonna hosted topless." The former aerobics instructor and sneaker salesgirl now toots around town in a new BMW and will soon be moving into Madonna's Miami mansion. This relationship has been verified by unimpeachable source **Queerdonna** on **Sally Jessie Raphael**. Not quite the Rosetta Stone, but close enough for us.

Also in the *Enquirer*, a tale from the bitchy, backstabbing, gossipy world of... professional basketball? It's supposedly **Isiah Thomas** who is helping spread those rumors that **Magic Johnson** is gay (as if they needed help). Thomas is supposedly jealous about not making the Olympic team and said "he felt he owed it to the public to tell the truth about Magic." Hmmmm...

The new *Interview* sports a beef shot of classical pianist **Tzimon Barto**, making his bid to be the **Marky Mark** of the Mozart milieu. "I took off my shirt for this photo because I don't mind showing



Piano forte — Interview undresses art.

people that a classical musician can have a nice body." It's an impressive display — certainly enough to tickle our ivories — but let's hope Juilliard doesn't start recruiting for this type of perfect tone.

Spin features back-to-back interviews with **Morrissey** and **R.E.M.** Both interviews are startlingly free of reference to the singers' homosexuality. Not that anyone needs to ask Morrissey, but **R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe** is still playing his cards close to the vest. The article, by the band's "official biographer," is even oblique about Stipe's advocacy of "a number of political causes," when everyone knows Stipe's cause is AIDS activism, including participating in fund raisers for **ACT UP**. Hey, Michael, why so coy?

Tasteful, tasteful, tasteful: Among those interviewed in *Spin* on the then-upcoming election, **Nirvana's Chris**

Novoselic says the worst thing about the right wing is their aesthetic: "fried-chicken-grease-stained, red-checkered tablecloths, Holly Hobbie bonnets... shit-kickin' cowboy boots worn with a business suit... I grab my head and swoon... tacky, tacky, tacky!"

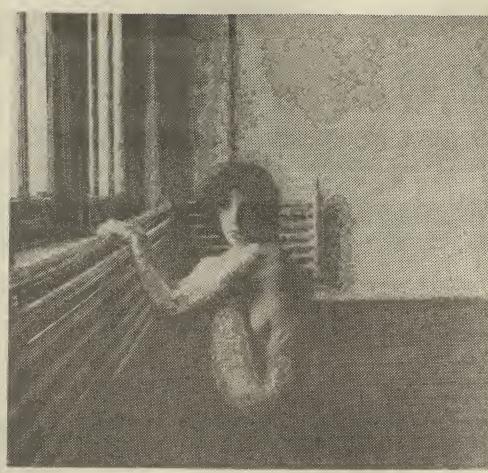
Interviewed in the *New York Times*, 29-year-old **John Cameron Mitchell**, currently playing what the *Times* calls "a young homosexual" in **Larry Kramer's The Destiny of Me** on Broadway, talks about being gay and coming out. "I put it off. In high school, I thought, 'I know I'm going to have to deal with this, but I'm not confident enough now.' But



Morrissey



R.E.M. — homosexless?



Robert Mapplethorpe's perfect darling, Patti Smith

outrageous carryings-on between that hip country diva and that award-winning, much-married, multimedia diva looked too hot not to cool down, didn't the twangy warbler up and dump her gal pal for a younger rock singer? Our heartbreak songstress is so smitten, she's actually been dedicating songs to her mysterious 'someone' in concerts. In fact, things between the two new lovers would surely get plenty tighter if little miss hard rock, like her predecessor, weren't married."

Details features a reminiscence by singer **Patti Smith** on her friendship with **Robert Mapplethorpe**, accompanied by pictures from *Mapplethorpe*, a new book of his work. "I'm not after beauty," Mapplethorpe told Smith, "I'm after perfection, and they're not always the same."

Two weeks ago we reported that the band **Living Colour** was in the studio recording a new album, including a song called "Bi," with exactly the sort of lyrics the title suggests. If that wasn't enough for you, it seems they'll also be doing a cover of **Grace Jones' "Pull Up To The Bumper"** (yes, the lead singer is a man). The record will be in stores in January. ▼

grees of Separation, *Big River*, and now a starring role in *Destry*.

"Murgatroyd" reports in *Movieline*: "Just when the



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Island Fever

by Chad Jones

Without upending his soapbox or pandering to the pomposity of politics, South African playwright Athol Fugard is able to give his audience a glimpse into the ugly heart of apartheid: the torture, the pain, the frustration and, surprisingly, the humor and hope. His 1973 play *The Island*, currently revived at the New Conservatory Theater Center by the London-based company Eleire Yoruba, tackles the unwieldy subject of apartheid by closely examining the lives and friendship between John and Winston, two black inmates in the Robben Island prison.

In this taught and relatively brief (running time is just

For a moment, under Tucker's spell, we too forget that a cup has no voice.

over an hour and a half) two-person play, the actors face the challenge of making two desperate cellmates people the audience can relate to. This must be accomplished so the universality of their plight

— that of human beings suffering the unmitigated brutality of those in power — can be communicated effectively to the audience.

Generally speaking, the actors in this production succeed in making *The Island* an engaging drama rather than a didactic treatise. They endow the prisoners, John and Winston, with a compelling blend of rage and pain, grace and strength. The spare production (a minimalist square mat center stage serves for most of the action) and simple, unobtrusive lighting, focuses all the attention on the actors.

Radiant Prince

Reprising the role he created in the 1991 London production of *The Island*, Prince Albert Tucker gives a defiantly radiant performance as John, while Alphonso G. Hart as Winston bravely tackles what could be an actor's worst nightmare or his big break. Originally, South African actor Mavuso Tshabalala was to play the part of Winston; but because of problems with the necessary visas, he was not allowed into the United States. Bay Area actor Hart was called in to save the day.

Hart holds his own against Tucker, and the play does find a delicate balance between the cellmates/friends. There are moments when the two actors crackle—especially when they are rehearsing and later performing the trial

scenes from *Antigone* (with Winston in drag as the heroine). Individually, Tucker emerges as the more accomplished of the two actors, and the shining moments of the play belong to him.

At the close of the first act (there are four acts), Tucker has his most effective mo-

ments tugging on Winston's arm wanting to talk, to get a word in edgewise. For a moment, under Tucker's spell, we too forget that a cup has no voice.

The excitement of the phone call, however, soon fades as Winston asks after his wife and his children. The

filth, horror and torture of the bus ride that brought them to prison.

It is this contrast that keeps *The Island* interesting and makes it, ultimately, effective. As John receives the news that his sentence has been shortened, Winston must face the prospect of los-



Antigone — the island version

ment during a scene in which Winston pretends to make a phone call. Clutching a cup to his ear, he dials an invisible dial and calls a friend in his hometown. His excitement and his animated conversation rouse his cellmate, who comes to sit beside him. As Winston asks about friends and family, John has become so immersed in the fantasy he

fantasy evolves into its dark side and we are reintroduced to reality. A similarly effective moment occurs in the second act when the prisoners, trying to remember a song, begin to dance and to vocally improvise. It is a joyous moment as the men lose themselves in the music and the movement. The crest passes and the men recall the

ing his friend and serving out his years as men come and go around him. As the cellmates savor the triumph of their performance of *Antigone*, they must return to the hard labor of their fates. ▼

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Duo Puts Sex Back Into Sexual Politics

by Noreen C. Barnes

London's lesbian comedy duo Parker and Klein bring their sexy, subversive cabaret show to Josie's for three weeks beginning Nov. 10.

Acclaimed by the British press as "purveyors of lesbian high camp" and the "darlings of the cabaret circuit," Karen Parker and Debby Klein teamed up in 1985, after working together in the theatre group Hard Corps.

They had decided, according to Klein, to use their on-stage/off-stage rapport to become rich and famous, whilst retaining our political credibility. We were lured onto the cabaret circuit to further this aim, but instead of the instant wealth and a spot at the London Palladium, we were quickly labeled as 'the lesbian double act' ... To add to the confusion, many in our audience (both gay and straight) thought we just couldn't be dykes because we wore skirts, high heels and lots of make-

up."

That, of course, is part of the wonderful irreverence of their show, as they work against dyke stereotypes while reclaiming a place for women in British popular entertainment tradition.

Parker and Klein's previous U.S. appearances have been at the WOW Cafe in New York in 1989, directed by Lois Weaver, and an interrupted attempt to play at the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival in 1987. A massive fire preempted that entire festival, but, as Parker recalls, they prevailed in providing some entertainment to "the women still trying to get off the mountain."

Transatlantic Charm

I spoke with Karen Parker as she was packing to fly from London to LA, where she and Klein will perform at a benefit before coming to San Francisco. Her charm was positively transatlantic, as she talked about audiences, camp sensibility, British humor, contemporary cabaret and



Parker and Klein, lesbian psycho-charmers, do that pucker thing at Josie's.

even current politics. (We spoke the morning after the election, and she was cheered by the political situation here: "We want to come to America to party, to be amongst all that.")

Parker believes that their work is distinct from other cabaret/comedy acts by being "more literal-based, and of course our being British makes a difference." The two women have performed together in a number of theatre pieces, primarily camp farces written by Klein, such as the "Sapphic Sudsaga," *Coming Soon*.

Both have substantial training as actors, but find that they "are better at cabaret," preferring its "immediacy" and the connection to the audience. Parker stresses the distinction between cabaret and stand-up comedy, and their concentration on the former, with a range of sketches, scenarios and personas. She calls it "pushing the vaudeville end" of the entertainment spectrum.

"What we do in our show, is to play the rather peculiar characters named 'Parker' and 'Klein,' which are megalomaniacally gruesome extensions of ourselves." Parker describes her on-stage persona as a "woman in love with fame and fortune, who has an irresistible urge to take off her

clothes." Klein, on the other hand, is much more serious, quite literal, and views everything from the perspective of a writer. The two "stumble onstage together and do sketches, trying to upstage each other."

What confuses audiences the most, Karen notes, is that both women are femmes, which she considers "an interesting dynamic in the politics of now," particularly considering they were once billed as a "drag act."

In the past, they've done such pieces as "How to Tell Your Hairdresser That You're a Dyke," and their most famous bit, a send-up of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* with Parker as Liz Taylor and Klein as Richard Burton.

Hours of Material

Parker notes that they "have hours of material" and will be flexible about what they will perform for the Josie's audience, promising in her rich, smoky voice, that they will keep changing the material throughout their three week San Francisco run, and that "if people return to the show, it will be different. We want to change it every night." They are not sure that an American audience will get all their references, but are looking forward to trying out a variety of material and "just see how it goes down."

Karen cites "a specific humor from the north of England" in their work, which derives "from laughing at yourself. It works well here, even in London, which is the most difficult audience in the world." There, Parker and Klein have endeared themselves to a wide audience, not only of lesbians and gay men, but to straight people as well.

The director for the current show is a gay man, James Neale-Kennerley (of the Gay Sweatshop), who Parker says, "pushes us and understands our camp sensibility." She has observed that "American audiences pick up camp immediately," catching references to camp icons that other audience members miss.

And, she adds, that camp should not be the domain of

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gay men as it has been. "Woman are camp, too. You didn't make Judy Garland camp; she already was." Parker claims that "our camp is for everyone," and that "if you understand the references, you'll like what we do, no matter what gender you are."

Parker and Klein are reclaiming a place for women in the music hall/vaudeville performance tradition, of which women were an important part at the turn of the century, particularly women in drag. What they do, in part, is revive what Parker calls a "forgotten history" but with a very contemporary sensibility.

San Francisco, and Josie's in particular, seems perfect for both the style and substance of this dynamic lesbian duo. The real subversive nature of their work is their absolute comfort being glamour gals, in refreshing contradiction to dyke stereotypes.

As Parker says of their initial difficulties being believed, "We simply were lesbians, and not just talking radical politics. We confounded people, but now queer politics has helped. The problem remains that there aren't enough out dyke performers, and so everyone wants you to be their mouthpiece. The concept of femmes playing with gender-fuck is disturbing, but the point is that we try but we fail. In the early days, we didn't do what the radical feminists wanted us to do. After all, we were in stilettos."

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Film

"Cage/Cunningham" at the Roxie

Avant-Garde Icons

by Eric Hellman

I remember a movie where a singing Mother Superior, revealing a frustrated mixture of vexation and genuine affection, asked "How do you solve a problem like Maria?" The same might be asked of the chief subjects in a not-so-new documentary called *Cage/Cunningham*. The film, first released nearly a year ago, opens Friday for a week's run at the Roxie Cinema.

Directed by Elliot Caplan and produced by the Cunningham Dance Foundation, *Cage/Cunningham* proposes a closer look at the work of the late experimental composer John Cage (he died this year), the modern-dance master Merce Cunningham, and their almost 50 years of artistic and personal collaboration.

Dotty Darlings

And, indeed, the film succeeds as a private tribute — Cage and Cunningham are revealed as a kindly, albeit slightly dotty pair who persevered against numerous obstacles with remarkable fortitude. Cage waters the plants, cooks and babbles amiably, while the arthritic Cunningham practices his quirky, trademark movement vocabulary. Their status, as icons for pilgrims in pursuit of a permanent avant-garde, seems well-assured.

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But *Cage/Cunningham*, despite its successful communication of individual mystique, does little else. We're charmed by Cage's idea for edible paper and his reading from his nonsensical diary. He also admits, with no apparent regret, that the professional music world has largely ignored his work, dismissing Cage as more theorist than composer. There is little, if any, evidence in the film to contradict this point of view.

Cunningham, on the other hand, is presented as more remote and close-mouthed, but equally sweet in his cognitive preoccupations. Twice, he attempts to explain his belief in an absence of "frontality" — or a singular, audience-centered spatial focus — when creating dances. But in numerous clips from pieces made over many years, the camera (acting as surrogate audience) convinces us this is more idea than reality. Often, and despite his endearing elfin-seriousness, Mer-

ce is simply banal, preferring to discuss hotel-hunting in India rather than his work as an artist.

One senses there will be no enduring legacy, in terms of music or dances, from either of these artists. And, as I'm sure most *Cage/Cunningham* acolytes would quickly remind us, perhaps that is exactly how it should be. If process matters most, why worry about leaving anything for others to repeat, discover, or enjoy. This extraordinarily selfish perspective suggests the inherent dilemma of a predominantly conceptual approach to the making of art.

Cage/Cunningham is also subtly deceptive — by what it leaves out or never explains. We are told, for example, about Merce and John's shared, fastidious belief in the independence of dance and music (their dancers never hear the score until the final dress rehearsal). But no one explains that in order for the choreographer to create (and for the dancers to learn and

remember) the steps, all of the movements are silently counted against a pre-determined rhythmic beat. The dancers move in harmony



John Cage, composer

with a "music" heard only in their heads.

In *Cage/Cunningham*, director Caplan attempts to walk a fine line between experimental art film and journalistic documentary. As a result, the connection between

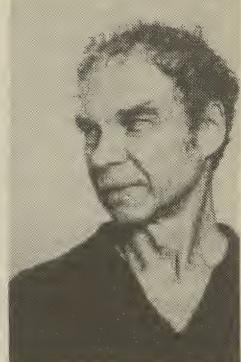
segments is fragmented, at best, mixing unfocused, unpopulated interior imagery with talking heads and brief clips of Cunningham dances filmed in the past. This self-conscious pastiche is meant, undoubtedly, to mirror the quality of randomness found in both artists' work.

Cage/Cunningham is also something of an ode to gerontology, as most of the interviewees are pushing the upper limits of the human lifespan. Somewhat curiously, there are no interviews with current members of the Cunningham company.

Odd Oversight

Despite the filmmaker's overarching pursuit of personal-creative mystery when presenting his subjects, it still seems odd (to me, anyway) that there is hardly a word spoken about the nature or value of Cage's relationship with Cunningham. Why have they spent all these years working and, presumably, living together? Why does the film's title imply a linkage that is never examined?

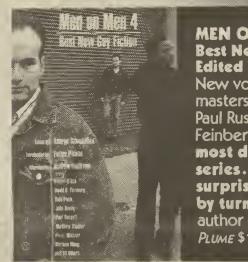
At one point, Cage mentions how his bond with Cunningham is "organic" in nature, having changed over the



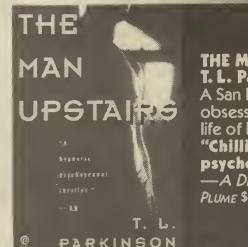
Merce Cunningham, dancer/choreographer

years. But that is the complete sum of introspection offered by either man, or by their colleagues and other acquaintances. Apparently, the love that dared not speak its name, has still not found a voice from these two quixotic pioneers of the greying, yet never-ending, avant-garde. ▀

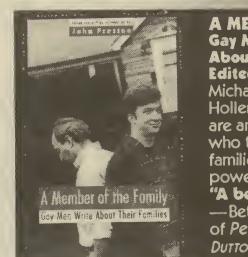
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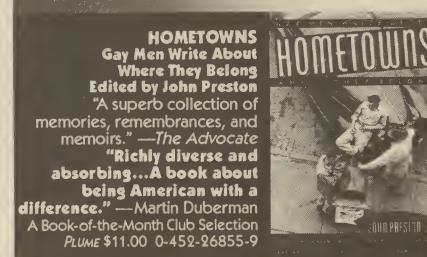
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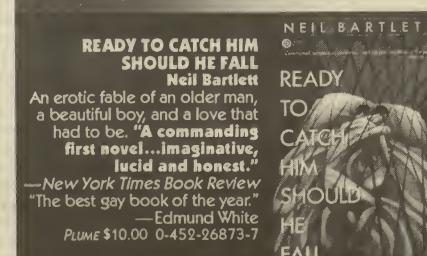
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Theatre

Chance to Come 'Homo for the Holidays' at Theatre Rhino

Mixed Fruit Confection

by Mark Freeman

Don't you have some special memory of the holidays? I know I do. My aunt Jane's fruitcake. Aunt Jane was the black sheep of the family, a Communist, naturalist, health food nut as early as the 1930s, and a redhead who refused to turn grey. She dyed her hair until she died, well into her 80s, having already buried her fourth husband, a socialist Baptist minister. I remember all those green and red fruits that gave the cake Christmas colors, making it a strange guest in our Jewish fridge.

Red hair and that cake are my Xmas memories.

Each of us has our own queer history, our own yearly reaction to the arrival of the holiday season. And our responses are not always sugar sweet. So when Theatre Rhino offers to take us *Homo for the Holidays*, you can bet that the turkey, stockings and Hanukkah bush are stuffed with not-quite traditional values.

Homo is a musical and satirical extravaganza directed by Allen Sawyer and John Karr, who brought us tributes to Irving Berlin and Cole Porter, and the first production of *Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid*. Three of the six queer writers double as cast members.

"Why a holiday show?" I asked the lot of them recently, and the answers were as diverse as the writers and cast which includes Florence Yoo and Belinda Sullivan. These two strong voices sing Cy Coleman's "Flowers."

Belinda, an African-American storyteller/actor seen as Old Louise in Rhodessa Jones' play about women in San Bruno jail, rehearses the love duet wearing a moustache.

Being butch, she smirks, "It's such a romantic song." To which Florence responds, "Belinda, what an attitude! It's a showstopper!"

You can bet that *Homo's* turkey, stockings, and Hanukkah bush are stuffed with not-quite traditional values.

Swept Up in the Hype

Yoo is a filmmaker and performer who recently finished a run of her one-woman show, *The Mundane Bliss Twist...* at the Asian American Theater. She contributed several scenes to *Homo* from her unique perspective:

"My mother's family was Buddhist, but she converted to Methodist. My father is a Korean Presbyterian. I grew up practically the only Asian in a Jewish and black neighbor-

hood in Evanston, Illinois."

"The holidays always get me," she half apologizes. "Even Frosty the Snowman and that puppet Kris Kringle special on TV. I'm swept up in the hype."

Christian Huygen (one-third of the trio Absolut Man-pussy and author of *Waiting for Godot*) offers a slightly more phlegmatic view of the holidays in his writing for the revue.

"So many people feel that the holidays as they exist are stupid and we hate them — dumb and oppressive. The opposite option is that we need them and they make us happy. I wanted a third option."

In his "Homo Alone" segment he offers us the possibility of happy homosexuals as solos and in a Solstice skit provides some fast and furious dish between patrons of his Pagan Piano Bar in the year 1000 B.C.

Cassandra and Kisha, two temple prostitutes, trade trick tips with a neophyte boy hustler (Joseph Leonardi, one of the Honeymooners in *One of These Days*). But Ms. Shiva (Belinda) and Miss Charline (Charles Blackburn, seen on Rhino's stage as a priest in Joe Pintauro's *Wild Blue*) get the final word in a super-

hood in a ghetto. We want to celebrate who we are — and we want our place in the world, as well."

Felder was glad to contribute, because "so often 'holiday show' is just a euphemism for Christmas show."

'A 9414 Thanksgiving'

Writer-performer Suzy Berger, a Rhino alumna from *The AIDS Show* and *In the Summer When It's Hot and Sticky*, is also Jewish, "but we celebrated Christmas." As an adult, though, she wants a celebration that reflects lesbian and gay reality.

"You know, all my holidays are very 9414, I never go home to the family," she says.

So she was a major contributor to "A 9414 Thanksgiving," which joins similar collective skits on Kwanza and the other holidays. Berger wrote her impeccably timed, hilarious monologue, "The 12 Steps of Christmas."

Jan Richman, author of *Sexual Revolt* and the curly-haired woman who has worked at the Castro Theater for 10 years, tells the tale of the "Virgin" Mary and her lover Grace — it wound up on the cutting room floor when the *Greatest Story Ever*



F. Allen Sawyer (left) and John F. Karr

(Photo: Steve Savage)

neath the Xmas tree."

Like *The AIDS Show* (whose contributor Doug Holsclaw is executive producer for this show) did for the epidemic several years back, *Homo for the Holidays* promises to do the impossible, turn the potential terrors of the holiday season into honest comedy. ▼

Editor's note: Homo for the Holidays opens Nov. 14, 8 p.m., at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., San Francisco. Phone 861-5079 for ticket information.



Rhino's holiday sampler; the creators of *Homo for the Holidays*.

(Photo: Steve Savage)

snap climax that competes favorably with Pomo Afro Homos' snap queens.

Moving forward in history about a millennium, the play pauses in Palestine for the Hanukkah Rebellion, a skit written by noted lesbian stand-up comic/juggler Sara Felder.

"This is a story of hope. Despite many Jews urging assimilation, a ragtag group of guerrillas took on the Greco-Roman armies, and against all odds they won. It's a story worth honoring," Felder says.

She sees plenty of parallels between Jews and other minority groups, including "gay people who don't want to live

Told got edited — with Suzy as the voice of a very Brooklyn Jehovah.

"Maybe that's because my background is so WASPY," Jan says. "My dad's Jewish, actually, and my mom's Mormon, but they both assimilated."

Last but hardly least is Bily de Herrera of *What Ever Happened to B.B. Jane?* and other fame.

From suburban Lafayette, where ravioli and bok choy often showed up on Thanksgiving tables in his mixed neighborhood, his family also goes to bars with him in the Castro.

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The Beat

by David Taylor-Wilson

Madonna Erotica (Sire)

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the bedroom — guess who shows up? The latest foray into Ms. M's synaptic functions finds us deep in the depths of what drives her — sex. To call this latest release thematic would be too simplistic, yet of the 14 tracks here, only four raise the tempo beyond bump-and-grind.

The initial single, "Erotica," has been a runaway hit since its debut. As is usual with her releases, it was introduced amid a flurry of calculated controversy. Without the controversy, and the si-

multaneous release of her book, *Sex*, the chart impact of this single would be doubtful. It could have been titled, "Justify My Love, Part 2."

Madonna's need to insert samples of two of her old songs within the context of two "new" songs here is confusing. "Waiting" contains samples from "Justify My Love," while the rap track "Did You Do It?" samples "Rescue Me." Perhaps she thought no other music achieves the heights of her own, and therefore nothing less is worthy of being sampled? On, "Deeper And Deeper," the only true hi-NRG track has her wailing disco-diva style and recycling lyrics from "Vogue." We deserve more for our money.

On the plus side, Madonna gives a contemporary reworking to the Peggy Lee chest-

nut, "Fever." Her sultry, breathy vocals and percolating house rhythms create a steamy track that belies its old age.

One of the best tracks will undoubtedly become the next big controversy, even though it is unlikely it will ever be released as a single. "Where Life Begins" is Ms. M's tribute to the pleasures of oral sex between females. The descriptive, detailed lyrics are as witty as they are blatant.

"In This Life," is an AIDS-conscious anthem that seems out of place here amidst all the bursting hormones, yet it may be the one track that becomes responsible for making this album memorable outside of the usual Madonna fan club.

Mike Howard Femme Fatale (Giant/Reprise)

This extremely talented singer has been one of the best kept secrets for years now. With this latest album, all that may change since Howard has unleashed her most ambitious and well-crafted project to date. Finally, she seems to have focused all her energy into a conduit that is ripe for the masses and the taking.

Kicking-off the album is the Billie Holiday classic, "Good Morning Heartache." In true-blue torch flavor, Howard wrestles with the ongoing disappointment of love in a fashion that would do Holiday proud. Coincidentally, Howard is scheduled to make her debut on the silver screen later this year in Spike Lee's *Malcolm X*, where she portrays Lady Day. Perhaps this track is a preview of things to come.

Continuing in this vein, Howard turns in another splendid torcher, this time with the Dinah Washington classic, "This Bitter Earth." Like a net from which there is no escape, Howard's exquisite voice drags you down into the bitter depths.

These outstanding tracks are enough to elevate this disc above the true talent level; it soars in comparison to what most consider talent today. But there's more.

Another old friend is the Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes duet hit which featured Sharon Paige, "Hope That We Can Be Together Soon." Howard is joined by Christopher Williams in a resurrection of this heart-wrenching melody that still



Clockwise from upper left: Mike Howard, David Diebold, and the face that launched a thousand quips, Lady M herself.

stings.

What are you waiting for? Go buy this disc.

David Diebold "Pop Muzik" (Megatone 12" Single)

Peruse through the annals of San Francisco dance music, and firmly entrenched amidst the cream of the crop you'll find the name David Diebold. On this latest single, Diebold fashions M's international number one hit from the '70s into a contemporary tour de force.

We understand this will be Diebold's swan song release. He has chosen to remain true to form and complete this chapter of his career with an exciting release.

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On the club beat, congratulations to Ggreg Taylor and company on the grand opening of Product, (1015 Folsom Street, Saturday nights, 431-

2697). Although the address may be familiar, the interior is all new. Each room has been renovated, and space utilization has been maximized. The three dance floors have been formatted to provide House Music (main floor), Retro Classics (entry salon), and Techno Rave (lower saloon).

Three main things struck an immediate and lasting chord throughout the night: a friendly, courteous and polite door staff; lightning fast bartenders; and, best of all, absolutely no attitude from any of the staff anywhere.

The crowd was a festive, eclectic mix, including *fabulous* drag queens decked in splendid, imaginative dress. While not admiring the frock plethora, there was the multitude of men, all with ear-to-ear grins.

Compliments to Sam LaBelle and the entire music staff for supplying a great danceable mix. None of the dance floors concentrated on selections from the extreme, unknown dimensions of their genre. Product has this problem and many others, handled. ▼



Langston Found

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Showing Out

by John F. Karr

As usual, the gay angle is overlooked in the latest batch of Broadway and cabaret recordings. I'm compelled to comment about three artists, only one of whom — Jerry Herman — is officially out.

Ann Hampton Calloway
Ann Hampton Calloway
(DRG)

It's not that I expected Ann Hampton Calloway to come out in the liner notes to her long-awaited first recording (on the DRG label). After all, I've only been assuming she was gay. But the many fans Ann has accrued through her performances on R.S.V.P. cruises will most likely be as disappointed by this recording's miscasting of the vocalist as I was. The album first removes Ann from her customary place at the piano, and then wraps her in the moist and clinging soft jazz arrangements of two pop arrangers. Totally missing are Ann's sly wit — her hip wink at sentiment and uniquely dry romanticism — which prevented her versions of standards from becoming mushy.

Here, in slow and elaborate arrangements which cloak the singer's natural personality, Ann is caught over-emoting in a breathy, sex-kit-

ten fashion. It's anything but the Calloway we thirst for. Rumor has it that Ann is not satisfied with the album, and made it only because she couldn't pass up the offer of a first recording. I'll admit, her voice is warm, her phrasing impeccable, the effect sexy and romantic. Those who don't already know Ann will be seduced by the sensuality of her laid-back swing, her lush voice and her restrained, tasteful embellishments. This is a delectable late night reverie, featuring well over an hour of romantic standards, like "All the Things You Are," and "Too Late Now." But compare this recording of Ann's own song, "I Gaze in Your Eyes" with the one on Ben Bagley's Cole Porter tribute. In the latter version, you hear Ann at her self-directed best, and you'll understand why I long for another Calloway album — one that lets her do it her way.

Jerry Herman
Jerry Herman's Broadway
(RCA Victor)

I was eager for *Jerry Herman's Broadway*, a symphonic approach to Herman's many hits, on RCA Victor. Forgetting *La Cage*, I'm a big fan of Herman's buoyant prime-color melodies. And I was waxing sentimental after hearing on the grapevine that Herman's health was declin-



ing, allegedly from AIDS. But the Herman I love isn't on this album. As arranged by veteran Herman conductor/aranger Donald Pippin, it features gargantuan medleys — "The Waltzes," "The Marches" — which effectively replace most of the number's zest with size. Lumbering bombast is the overall effect. "The Wedding Sequence" from *Milk and Honey* is a previously unrecorded potpourri with not a patch of *Fiddler's* wedding hoopla, and if the overture from *Mack and Mabel* is fun this big, the ar-

angement of "Hello, Dolly" is a nearly racist embarrassment. Trading on the song's world-wide popularity, Pippin has draped it in international flavors — woodblocks for the Orient, com-pah for Germany, etc. If it wasn't just bad it would be a good party joke.

Billy Stritch
Billy Stritch
(DRG)

What is it that makes me think Billy Stritch is gay? Is it his look, his approach, his

voice itself, or the fact that Liza Minnelli makes a guest appearance on his first solo recording? Whatever, the former member of Montgomery, Plant and Stritch has made a jaunty, entertaining debut for DRG. From the subtly swinging "Night and Day" which opens the album, through standards like "You Fascinate Me So," to hip choices like "Buds Won't Bud" and "No Moon at All," and an unusually slow (and beautiful) Jobim "Meditation," Stritch is fresh, first rate fun all the way. ▼

William Huck

1947-1992



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Mr. Huck said he began his journey to becoming a writer on dance and music when his parents, noticing that he loved to dance around the basement while listening to recordings, sent him to ballet classes at the age of seven. Soon someone put a clarinet in his hands and he was off on his love affair with music. In the early '60s, he began to haunt the great music houses of New York, which gave him access not only to the important local ballet troupes, the New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theatre, but to visiting companies as well.

Mr. Huck is survived by his companion, Steven Anderson of Mill Valley; his father and step-mother, Lewis and Virginia Huck of Houston, Texas; a sister, Janet Huck of Port Townsend, Washington; and brothers Frank Huck of Greenwich, Connecticut; Robert Huck of Olympia, Washington; and Jim Huck, also of Houston.

Contributions may be made to AIDS Benefits Counselors, 470 Castro Street, Suite 207, San Francisco, CA 94114. A memorial concert and service featuring mezzo-soprano Stephanie Friedman, cellist Emil Miland and pianist Robin Sutherland will be held Tuesday, November 17, 4:30-6 p.m. in Kassman Hall at R. Kassman Piano, 131 Franklin Street, between Oak and Fell Streets, San Francisco. ▼

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Carlos's Carol

Soprano Carol Vaness Avoids the Traps On Her Way to International Renown



Carol Vaness, currently appearing in *Don Carlo* at the San Francisco Opera.

by Paul Thomason

One of the delights of the San Francisco Opera of late has been the opportuni-

ty to hear soprano Carol Vaness in a variety of new roles. Her Mathilde in *William Tell* was the brightest spot of this summer's Rossini celebration. On Hal-

loween she performed Elizabeth in Verdi's *Don Carlo* for the first time. Hers was a sumptuous sung, emotionally vivid portrayal. Next fall she opens the season in Verdi's *The Sicilian Vespers*.

A native Californian, Vaness won the 1976 San Francisco Opera Auditions and spent two seasons here as an affiliate artist. Today she's in demand throughout the world, booked into 1997, and is looking forward to such new roles as Norma and Aida. She is also about to venture further into the Strauss repertoire with an aria recording.

The day after her second *Don Carlo* performance, Vaness made (very good) coffee and curled up on the couch in a sunny room of her apartment for a chat.

* * *

Paul Thomason: You just opened the Met doing all the heroines in The Tales of Hoffmann, you're about to sing Anna Bolena in Carnegie Hall. Why sing Elizabeth in Don Carlo?

*Carol Vaness: I love her. And the music is some of the most beautiful music ever written. I like her character very much. Besides (she laughs) they asked me to do it and there was no *William Tell* this year, thank god.*

*Are you ever jealous of Eboli's part in *Don Carlo*? Her arias, especially "O Don Fatale," are so much flashier than Elizabeth's.*

No, I'm not jealous of Eboli. By the time she has to sing "O Don Fatale" I do not feel sorry for her. Actually, "O Don Fatale" is a very good aria for me. I did it as the final encore in a concert I gave

in Japan last year.

*But I want to do Elizabeth. Elizabeth is very much like Donna Anna (in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, a role Vaness practically owns on the international circuit.) If you need to, you can back off. But you can really let go. It may seem*

are 50 women out there who can probably sing it easier. Now, maybe it's more interesting when I do it because it's not easy for me and so I bring a certain amount of terror or something to it.

*Do you enjoy singing Fiordiligi in *Cosi Fan Tutte* as much as it sounds?*

*Yes, yes. How could you not? It's just like *Ballo in Maschera*. It is! Has anyone ever looked at that tessitura and how long you have to sing? When I was first considering *Anna Bolena*, I looked at it and thought, "This is so hard. It's so long." Then I thought, "Are you kidding? *Cosi Fan Tutte* you start at eight and finish at midnight and sing all the time."*

*It's all a question of learning to do it with my voice, my personality and not trying to run out there and do *Ballo* like Milanov, whom I love. But I can't do it that way. *Cosi Fan Tutte* has been one of the greatest things for me, because of its length, because of what it requires in the extremities.*

Other than with applause, how does an audience affect your performance?

You can feel an audience, it's like an animal. There are some singers who are almost too nervous to let an audience in. But I've always dealt with my nerves by letting the audience in as far as I could. I've been lucky that whatever it is I do, my audience always meets me.

But singers have to be very careful that we don't try to turn the audience into an



Vaness as Elisabetta

(Photo: Larry Merkle)

intimate relationship. We need the audience's love so much that you have to be careful you don't end up in what they call the Maria Callas syndrome or the Marilyn Monroe syndrome. You struggle with that all the time, especially as a single woman.

People sometimes forget we're not walking CDs. Nobody has rearranged our voices. Our voices are really coming out of our souls. How we sing is really us.

I can only live one day at a time, do the best I can, sing as beautifully as I can, give as much as I can and some days are bad, some days are good. It's a weird career but I've been very, very fortunate. ▀

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Frame Without a Picture

by Paul Thomason

What is one to make of *The Death of Klinghoffer*, which opened in a revised production at the San Francisco Opera this past weekend?

Since its premiere in Brussels in March 1991, this second opera by John Adams (music), Alice Goodman (libretto), Peter Sellars (production) and Mark Morris (choreography) has received extraordinary publicity, largely favorable.

It has been performed, with the same cast, in France, New York and Vienna, and is headed for Los Angeles and England. A recording was released last week. (The recording is conducted by Kent Nagano. Composer Adams leads the San Francisco performances in his house debut.)

Perhaps part of the fascination of the work is that it is based on an actual event everyone in the theater remembers: the 1985 hijacking of the Italian cruise ship *Achille Lauro* and the murder of Leon Klinghoffer, a wheelchair-bound Jewish American, by four Palestinian terrorists who then dumped his body overboard.

Part of the fascination also is the stylized, non-realistic way these events are handled in the opera, which has been described as "a poetic reflection, a meditation on history, a multi-layered drama of individuals, not personalities." For instance, each principal singer has one or more dancers acting as a double who often physically conveys, or comments on, the singer's words.

Some singers play more than one role. (Janice Felt is the Swiss Grandmother, an Austrian Woman and the British Dancing Girl. In his San Francisco Opera debut, Thomas Hammont plays the First Officer and "Rambo.") Though Leon Klinghoffer and his wife are on stage during much of act one, they do not sing at all until act two.

There is no ship in sight. The set is a high-tech, 11-ton steel scaffolding, through which the chorus and many of the singers clamber. From time to time a large video screen descends and we get gigantic close-ups of a singer whom we also see life-size on stage. Gauzy white curtains at the rear and side of the stage rise and fall, as does part of the scaffolding.

Symbolic Characters

There is no attempt to develop characters through arias, duets and ensembles, to create rounded-out human beings onstage whom the audience can love or hate. Characters have names, but are treated more as symbols. Principals, supers, chorus and dancers are all dressed in casual clothes so they will look the same.

The opera begins with two choruses, one of Exiled Palestinians, the other of Exiled Jews, both sung by the same people. This formal, symmetrical quality runs throughout the opera; a Night Chorus in act one, a Day Chorus in act two. The chorus, which really functions as the protagonist, has the best music, often evocative, sometimes haunting.

The only aria that is as moving as some of the choral writing is the Aria of the Falling Body sung by Leon Klinghoffer (Sanford Sylvan) after his death. The aria begins with Keith Sabado as Klinghoffer's dancer-double, slowly pulling the prone singer to the center of the stage from the wings in a huge white sheet.

By the end of the aria, the sheet has been folded, the two men have exchanged places, and Sylvan, in turn, drags Sabado by his arm toward the wings. It was the one time all evening that everything — the staging, the words, the music — came together.

Listener Friendly

John Adams' music is listener-friendly, though it seems more complex than his earlier *Nixon in China*. The score is rooted in minimalism, but there are broad sweeps of melody throughout the work that bring to mind

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Soprano Sheila Nadler (center) as Mrs. Klinghoffer.

(Photo: Larry Merkle)



The cast of *Klinghoffer* reaches for the sky and falls short.

(Photo: Larry Merkle)

composers such as Samuel Barber. The skillful orchestration provides a variety of tonal color.

Adams' score would make for wonderful movie music. I write this not desirably, merely descriptively. Rather than calling attention to itself, the music generally acts as an effective support, a frame rather than being the picture itself.

The staging was also a wonderful frame, as was the dancing, the singing, the set and the libretto. What was missing was a central idea, a reason for all the skillfully ex-

ecuted, carefully assembled elements.

Both Adams and Sellars have repeatedly said *The Death of Klinghoffer* owes more to the Bach Passions than it does to other operas. Bach wrote his Passions to be performed in church during the Easter season, a time when people came together as a community to ritually celebrate a shared belief. Listening to Bach's music one has no doubt that he took great joy in sharing this life-affirming belief.

Maybe I just missed the point, both in Saturday's per-

formance and an earlier one I saw in Brooklyn. Or perhaps the creators of *Klinghoffer* mean the absence of any central idea to be — itself — the point. But a work of art should enhance the experience of viewers in some way, to move them emotionally or make them think. Except for one or two isolated moments, *Klinghoffer* fails to do either.

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Sorry History: Women and AIDS

The Invisible Epidemic: The Story of Women and AIDS
by Gena Corea; HarperCollins, \$23

by Dianne Aaronson

AIDS was, for years, a disease of the "Other" — the gay male, the intravenous drug user, the prostitute.

But no "other" is lower on the social totem pole than the female. The medical establishment has mirrored society's contempt for women and other "out" groups, continuing to hand down vastly inferior medical aid to the poor, racial minorities and women of all classes.

Men represent 84 percent of the physicians employed in this country. Women are so much out of the loop on medical issues that by 1991, still not a single woman had served as dean of a single U.S. medical school. Ninety-eight percent of department chairs are still men as well. Is it any wonder then, that endless studies of various diseases have been done on men only — such as the heart disease

study that followed 22,000 males for years and found that taking an aspirin every other day can help prevent heart attacks (in men)?

We still don't know if the same would be true for women — it was never investigated.

Given examples such as these, should it come as any surprise that a "complete physical exam" does not include, for a woman, a pelvic examination? Because medicine is based on the male model, gynecology has been relegated to the domain of specialized medicine. Does this sound like nitpicking? Perhaps to some males, but according to Gena Corea, an investigative journalist and the author of *The Invisible Epidemic*, an oversight like this has cost countless women their lives.

Symptoms Ignored

These are the facts according to Corea:

As early as 1981, the fe-

male chaplain for the Riker's Island Jail in New York City was watching female prisoners die of pneumonia, while the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) insisted that AIDS was a gay male disease. Throughout this past decade, many public health researchers, female doctors and other professionals in women's health care were noticing AIDS-related symptoms in women. When they asked for funding to explore these problems, to gather data for necessary research and education, they were turned down.

They tried to alert the medical community to the fact that these opportunistic infections showed up in different ways in the female body (and therefore pelvic exams should be a required part of a "complete physical"), but were ignored.

Throughout the 1980s, there continued to be no information printed in the medical journals, not for want of papers submitted, but because they were rejected. Because of this, doctors throughout the United States continued to be ignorant of the possibility that a middle-class suburban housewife or a bright female graduate student ("nice people") could be at risk for AIDS.

The cases continued to go undetected, year after year

until it was too late. Why? Because as one activist slogan so aptly puts it, "Women don't get AIDS, they just die from it."

Not Tested for HIV

One of the biggest mistakes made was that AIDS sufferers were defined by risk groups rather than by risky behavior. Too many women fell into the cracks. Women were treated for pneumonia, chronic PID (pelvic inflammatory disease), chronic vaginal candida (thrush), recurrent vaginal warts, cervical

1986 when AZT became available, the only way a person could avail him/herself of this expensive drug was to be part of an experimental trial. Again, women were excluded. The only early information gleaned regarding HIV-positive women was gathered to discover how to protect males.

When the reality of HIV-positive women first became public knowledge, national hysteria broke loose. What if female prostitutes should pass it on to their johns — the innocent victims — people asked? Though a woman is 10 times more at risk of contracting HIV through heterosexual intercourse than vice versa, it was women who were put on trial (literally) as criminals, as vectors of disease.

Then there is the matter of the CDC surveillance definition, used to track the epidemic throughout the country. The first definition was based on what had been observed in most mostly gay white males. There was no category for heterosexual transmission, though 12 percent of the first 100 reported cases in women were acquired via heterosexual contact.

In 1985 the CDC changed the definition, adding several cancers to the list of indicator diseases, but still no inclusion of gynecological conditions. By this time, 8,062 cases had been reported in men, but only 569 in women. They simply were not being recognized as having AIDS.

Count Skyrockets

On the average, according to statistics from that time, a woman is expected to die within 27.4 weeks of diagnosis. The average affluent white male however, has an average life span of 39 months after diagnosis. Whether this is because of failure to recognize the disease progression in women early enough, the level of financial support available or because their systems react differently is not known because there have not been enough studies of HIV-positive women.

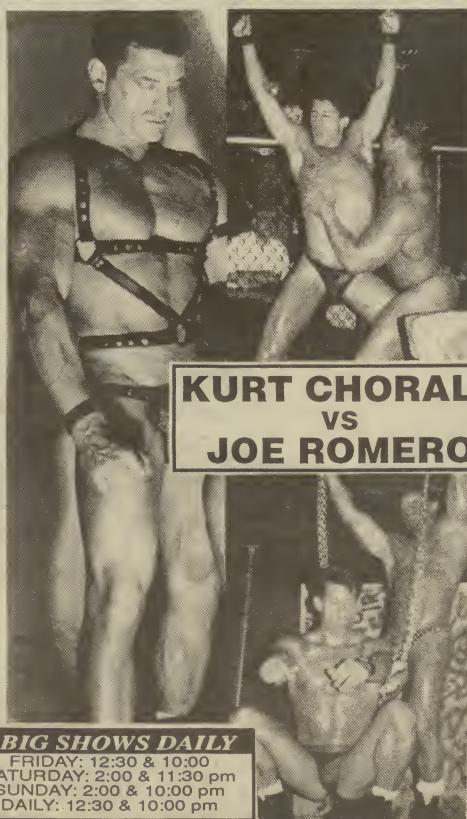
In 1987, though, the illness women were getting had not changed, the CDC definition had. Suddenly the official count skyrocketed from 162 (in 1983) to 2,569 cases. Still, as much as female doctors, public health officials and activists pleaded for gynecological recognition, they got none.

The effect? More women died because doctors were not being alerted to these symptoms, and women died homeless — without food and medical care — because they did not qualify for benefits. As of May 1992, gynecological manifestations had still not been included in the CDC definition. (Editor's note: Cervical cancer was one of three new qualifying diseases — with pulmonary tuberculosis, and recurrent bacterial pneumonia — proposed by the CDC. Barring objections from public health officials, the proposal will go into effect

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Club Celebrates 10 Golden Years



The San Francisco Track & Field Club celebrates its 10th anniversary with fond memories and begins a second decade with hope and optimism.

Many original members are gone. Lost to the AIDS epidemic are founding members Dr. Tom Waddell, Garet Stark, Alan French and Carl Firestone, also other outstanding athletes like Terry Taylor, Oliver Murphy and Efrem Cavazos. Injuries have forced others into retirement, most notably founding member and former team leader Bernard Turner.

As the club begins its next chapter and prepares for the Gay Games in 1994, only two of its original members will be in New York to compete: Nancy Frost and Rick Thoman. Only Thoman will be active in the club's San Francisco-based training sessions as Frost moves to Sacramento for a job commitment.

The roster has dwindled to a dedicated few and the new, young blood that had regularly infused the team is in short supply. Besides the loss of some key members, head coach Hully Fetico has announced that he will oversee the team through the Games and then devote his attention to other pursuits.

Games Always the Focus

The team has always focused itself around the Gay Games. Shortly after the first Games in 1982, the members wanted to continue to train and compete. The SFT&FC began participating in meets organized by the Masters track and field circuit.

Women

(Continued from previous page)

Jan. 1, 1993.

The Invisible Epidemic is a painful, powerful bit of research. A decade's worth of failed attempts — one after another — of health professionals to alert the medical community of this invisible epidemic provokes anger and frustration.

The World Health Organization predicts that by the year 2000 the number of HIV-positive women will exceed that of men. During the years of 1992 and 1993, the number of women expected

"We hope to have everyone healthy by 1994. We're going to make a stab at being the first relay team to ever repeat as gold medalists at the Gay Games." (SF) won the gold medal in the 4x100 relay at all three previous Gay Games, but with different personnel each time.)

Wide-Open Categories

The core sprint group of Demby, Bryant and Thoman will all be 40 or over by the next Games, which leaves the 30-39 and open-age groups wide open.

"With the New York Games pushed up to a mid-June start, there won't be a lot of time to get ready in 1994," Demby says. "One of the reasons we edged out Australia for the gold in Vancouver was the smooth flow of our handoffs. You don't accomplish that by practicing a

But participation in these "straight" meets was only to keep the team competitive for their next appearance at the Gay Games. As the number of athletes at each Games has steadily risen, so too has the level of competition.

The loss sprinter Earl Bryant to illness midway through the 1992 season and the lack of a consistent fourth man, derailed the club's relay squad this season. SFT&FC is renowned for its prowess in the relay, but in 1992 ran the 4x100 only once — recording the slowest season-best time in the club's history — and didn't compete at all in the 4x400.

"Our relay teams really fell apart this year," commented lead-off runner Frank Demby.

to be diagnosed with AIDS worldwide will exceed the cumulative total of all the AIDS cases reported during the first decade of the pandemic. The author urges us not to stand idly by, but to do something about this.

Any lesbians out there who think they might be exempt from the danger should think again. Lesbians have been studied even less than the larger population of women. We cannot know for sure that we are safe because there is too little information available. The lesson of *The Invisible Epidemic* is that everyone is touched by this problem. It's time to fight back.

week or even a month before that Games. You have to start working on that now."

Besides needing more sprinters and relay runners, the team is also deficient in field events (long and triple jumps, javelin, shot put and discus). There are only a handful of middle distance runners and women competitors.

"We had a great team of women competing for us during each Gay Games year, but in between not so many," Demby says.

Two Standouts

Newcomer Valerie Scott has been the stand out for the team this season, along with three-year veteran Michele Demby. Whether either woman will compete in New York remains a question mark. Former standouts Nancy Frost and Norma Lopez, both recovering from knee ailments, plan to be on the track in New York.

Coach Fetico has already started the team on basic stretching and strengthening exercises, with the focus not on the 1993 season, but personal-best performances in 1994. The goal is to try to keep everyone healthy and injury-free before the Games and ready to peak when June 1994 rolls around.

All those interested in joining the San Francisco Track & Field Club as it starts its new decade and begins training for the Gay Games in New York should call (415) 550-7966. A favorably priced travel and housing package is open to athletes and non-athletes, individuals and even other gay sports teams. Phone 1-800-447-2245 for more information.

Miller Wants MVP Clash

The first of the SF Pool Association's postseason tournaments was held Nov. 3 when 21 team MVPs checked into the Bear to determine this season's champion. Chris DuCoing was the first to enter the trophy round with successive wins over Gary Brower, Tony Delk, Lauren Ward and John Hou. He next faced Mark Miller, who had arrived via wins over Rudy Perez, Jack Dunbar and Orlando Cruise. Miller took charge of the winners bracket with a 2-0 score over DuCoing. Cruise and DuCoing reached the final four through the losers bracket.

The contest was into its eighth hour when DuCoing and Miller chalked up for the final match. DuCoing stung Miller with his first defeat in a well-played 2-1 match to force a second tie-breaker match. Miller then claimed his first major-league championship with a 2-0 win, scoring 11-4 in representing his Red Bear team. DuCoing, playing for Transfer Ballbusters, scored 12-8 in second place.

The fall '92 team playoff picture was finally completed last Sunday night when Marlene's Overpassers charged from behind to overtake Cinch It Up! 9-8 in a special tie-breaking match. They'll face top-seeded Ball Geezers, the league's only undefeated team. Additional matches feature Transfer Ballbusters at Interlude Here To Play; Transformations at Marlene's Magic; Cafe Cue-Tease at Reflections Headliners; Mo Better Studs at



Q Club; Red Bearons at Interlude Team International; U B Gone at Badlands Final Analysis; and Cinchpenders at Cinch Spoilers.

Several more postseason individual contests are coming up. Next weekend's All-Star Tournament qualifies four players for individual play at West Coast Challenge, to be hosted by SF in January. Also next weekend is the final stop in this year's California Ladies 9-ball tour at Chalkers in Emeryville, where SFPA players Mele DeVictria, Toni Macante and Lauren Ward will be competing. The Women's WCC Qualifier is set for Nov. 22 and the Hi-Lo Tournament is on Nov. 24.

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party, stop by the opening reception at controversial exhibit, Scott Siedman's imitation of religious icons and eroticism proved too naughty for the invitation for yourself. Reception, 7-9pm. Thru nos Gallery, 544 Hayes St. 626-1936.

olumnist Herb Caen pounds drums. Has the city gone mad with post-rocking The Road Less Traveled, trying careers in a benefit for Project Open with help from Tom Ammiano and the \$200-100. Champagne and eats at site of the recent GOP benefit and Columbus. 616-3111.

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ortions in Berkeley are already selling new repertoire includes classic *Capital of the World*, artistic *Carnival d'Aix*, set to Milhaud. Also *They Catch Me?* and Margaret 1-30. 8pm. Nov. 13 & 14. 2pm, Nov. 15 (and to gear up for *The Death of* upcoming concert) a *Mark Morris* biography Joan Accocella, dance showings and a conversation with both events are at Zellerbach Hall, UC 88.

WEDNESDAY 18

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WEDNESDAY 18

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Aime Cesaire's lush, hilarious Caribbean retelling of Shakespeare's play, with original music and dancing. \$6-15. 8pm. Sat: 2 & 8. Sun: 2pm only. Thru 11/22. Zellerbach Theatre, UC Berkeley. (510) 642-9988.

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Without

Group art exhibition dealing with the loss of AIDS. Karen Finley, David Wojnarowicz Nan Goldin, Rene de Guzman, Cliff Hengst and others. Opening reception 5:30. Thru 12/19. The Lab, 1807 Divisadero at Bush. 346-4063.



SF Fringe Riders at the Women's Building (Fri.)

MONDAY 16

In Search of Our Fathers

Filmmaker Marco Williams' seven-year journey to meet the parent he never knew. A compelling testament to single black mothers and finding one's identity. \$5.50. 2:15, 7:30, 9:15. Thru 11/17. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight (at Cole) 668-3994.

TUESDAY 17

Nicaragua Now

Jesse Helms isn't only after us. He's got his snout in South America. Dora Maria Tellez, feminist member of the National Assembly, and Victor Tinoco of the Sandinista Party discuss Helms and the fight against their national sodomy law.

\$8-25 (benefits Barricada International). 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Speak Out Against 'Mapping' of Prostitutes Join the Sex Workers' Action Coalition's demonstration against the city district attorney's proposal to restrict sex workers from entering many 'zones' of the city, which would completely inhibit their freedom of movement and right to assemble. 1pm. Friday, Nov. 13. City Hall Steps. (510) 522-1211.

Seminars & Worship Service on AIDS Reform Jewish Community sponsors a series of seminars on bringing together worship, service, healing and hope. Sun., Nov. 15, Congregation Emanu-El, 2 Lake St. at Arguello. 392-7080.

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Books

Lesbians on the Edge

Night People
by Barry Gifford; Grove Press, \$17.95

by Vicki Greenbaum

Don't pick up this novelistic collage of interwoven tales excepting to read about any ordinary lesbians you've met. You may not like these specimens very much when you're done with Part I. Or you may want to ride out and rescue them from the evil clutches of the law and the prison which they're headed back to; or you may want to

chase after them, thrilled by the danger that surrounds them, wanting to taste the frightening brand of wisdom, or chaos, they use to reshape the world with for a brief time before they're nabbed again.

Or you may be angry at author (*Wild at Heart*) Gifford for his depiction of these two women, Betty and Cutie, as lesbians. They became lovers in prison, where they landed after strings of crimes

committed in the aftermath of abusive childhoods. Some readers will want to argue with Gifford's fragmented thumbnail sketches of their road-tripping lives, arguing that these aren't proper, decent, Polo-shirted lesbians at all — they're a bit crazy, they quote the Bible, they're not dashing like Thelma and Louise, and they're unabashedly out to murder men, thus spurring violence against women and inspiring even more lesbophobia than exists already.

Sorry, Charlene. Some people (including Hothead Paisan) would say that fear and loathing of lesbians is always with us, and therefore, Gifford is not to blame.

Though his own characters might shoot him for being a man, Gifford has given us an unapologetically hard-core vision of the world, and he includes lesbians. I know some lesbians who would include themselves, so this seems only fair.

In the violent, torrid Southern landscape Gifford evokes in *Night People*, everyone wanders and suffers, souls screaming inside like garage bands run amok. Nobody is immune to death, not even main characters. Randomness and interesting dialogue serve to pull the reader's eyes and ears onward. There are no stereotypes, only negatives and life stories turned inside out for your per-

usal. Plus parts II, III and IV of the book are not about the ex-con, man-killing lesbians, but rival evangelical preachers who are brother and sister (she is a lesbian and — whew — murders no one); well-meaning Easy Earl who goes over the edge and kills two policemen; and a 14-year-old girl, an aspiring writer, who kills a Colombian drug runner when he tries to rape her.

Obviously, this book is about anybody who goes near any edge at all. If you go near edges, or the thought secretly appeals to you, try *Night People* and see the world through a glass darkly for awhile. ▼

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Skeeter Wildman and Andy Anderson Win Titles



"Skeeter" Wildman won the Dyke Daddy '92 competition last Friday and completed San Francisco's leather title races for the year.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

can look forward to a great year with Skeeter Wildman. She knows she can count on all of you.

On Nov. 7, another big crowd convened in the Eagle's patio for the Mr. Safe Sex '92 Contest. The six contestants (Stuart McClain, Terry Branoff, Wade Anderson, Stephen Fitzhenry, Ed Sparan and Andy Anderson) were obliged to appear before the audience and judges in swim wear and cruise wear and answer questions put forth by the judges.

It was fun judging with TV personalities Ginger Casey and Hank Plante, Jim Loyce from the Dept. of Health and — since Sup. Roberta Achtenberg was summoned to Washington (good omen) — AIDS Emergency Fund official Mary Miller Marshall.

The importance of this event was underscored by the presence of a representative of the mayor who presented a certificate proclaiming Nov. 7-8 as Safe Sex Weekend in San Francisco to Eric Politzer of Stop AIDS Project and Paul Causey of the AIDS Health Project.

With the delightful Tom Ammiano emceeing, there were barbs and quips aplenty about the presidential election, the new administration, local races and Dianne's "Planet of the Apes" hairdo. The action started with a sizzling musical performance by Tony George and two stunning dancers. Raffle tickets were sold by the contestants for great prizes. Jo Carol again rocked the crowd with some dynamic vocals and auctioned some hunks for dinner dates.

Just before the winners were named, Deena Jones belted out a few to much enthusiasm. A couple of hunks were auctioned for dinner dates, also Kris Lord dildos (humongous!). In the process,

San Francisco's last major leather title of the year, Dyke Daddy, was won by Skeeter Wildman Nov. 6 at the Eagle, with a packed house witnessing an event that benefited Women With HIV and the International Ms. Leather treasury. The runner-up was Beth Key of San Jose (also Ms. Southbay Leather). Leather Daddy Irwin Kane and outgoing Dyke Daddy B.C. Cliver were the chosen judges and a man named "Cody" was drawn by lottery to be the third judge.

With many items auctioned off, a 50/50 raffle and beer/soda sales, the event raised almost \$1,000, which was divided equally by the beneficiaries. Former Ms. Sacramento Leather Kim Wallace belted out some foot-stomping tunes to great applause and the always mesmerizing Rainbeau again thrilled the audience with her exotic dancing. All this in addition to the fantasies performed by the two contestants.

Former Ms. SF Leather J.C. Collins as the emcee laid down her particular brand of humor and iconoclasm throughout with quotes and quips that provoked much laughter. Our newest resident, Mr. Drummer Emerson Briney, was very visible all evening, spearheading ticket sales for the 50/50 raffle. IML Lenny Broberg did his share as an auctioneer, provoking much laughter too.

IMSL Blair notched another successful fundraiser on her belt with this event and our winner, Skeeter, begins her year as a titleholder with the added challenge of a hard-to-follow scenario. As was

decreed by more than one speaker Friday night, B.C. Cliver did an outstanding job as the first dyke daddy.

Ms. Cliver, not betraying her feelings of nostalgia, was perceived to be somewhat relieved at relinquishing the title and was upbeat as she related that a high school chum of hers back in Wisconsin had just won a political contest as an "out" lesbian. B.C. seemed almost driven by the desire to confront the other woman and say, "I just knew you were one, too!"

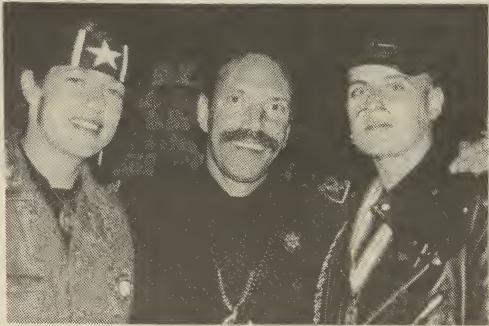
La Cliver was right on to employ her "leave 'em laughing" routine. If the enthusiasm holds by men and women alike, and I see no reason it shouldn't, the community



Hardworking fundraising activist, jock maven and leatherman Andy Anderson won the Mr. Safe Sex '92 title Saturday night, Nov. 7.

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Mr. Marcus



IMsL. Blair and Leather Daddy Irwin Kane welcome Dyke Daddy Skeeter Wildman to the Sash Rash Club after being chosen Dyke Daddy '92 last Friday night, Nov. 6. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)



Mr. Safe Sex '92 winners (l to r): Stephen Fitzhenry 2nd runner-up, Andy Anderson, the winner and Wade Anderson, 1st runner-up. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

almost \$2000 was raised.

Lenny presented Falcon Studio T-shirts to the women judges. I can't wait to see Ginger Casey on camera wearing it! Since he's still in the "honeymoon mode," outgoing Mr. Safe Sex Joe Fiorentino didn't pass his phone number on to the winner. The second runner-up was Stephen Fitzhenry and the first runner-up was Wade Anderson. Mr. Safe Sex '92 is Andy Anderson, no stranger to fundraising activism, the leather community and jock mavens. Here's to a successful year for both agencies.

A leather man visiting from Amsterdam who was at the Eagle both nights was overwhelmed with the whole scenario. "Nothing like this in Amsterdam," he raved. Nice to know our community's efforts are appreciated — even by foreigners! He was particularly impressed with the performance by Rainbeau on Friday and Lenny Broberg both nights!

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There were other things going on around town last week. As one of her last "official" acts, B.C. Cliver emceed the Mr. September '93 Great Buns contest at the Watering Hole on Nov. 4. Big crowd had another hilarious time and when it was all over, Mike Powers (a newcomer from Boston) won the spot with Ron Metz the runner-up. Mr. October was chosen last night, too late for my deadline. They'll be looking for Mr. November on Nov. 25 with Finnocchio's star Tommi Rose emceeing. It should be a hoot!

The Cal Eagles MC were off to the Russian River for their weekend run. Tatiana's First Saturday show at Kimo's garnered a nice crowd and they were casino-ing all evening Saturday at the California Club for the Casino Imperial benefit.

Our boxing club had a healthy crowd on hand Saturday night at their Precita St.

bailiwick with pugilists from around the country participating in some exciting matches. This is a small group but their goals are impressive and exciting. Now this is boxing, not an S&M punching bag fetish scene. If you're interested, drop me a line and I'll put you in touch with the "glove" men.

Sunday night, Randy Delaney gave up his Mr. Spike (New York) Leather title. There were 10 contestants vying for this one and almost \$1,300 was raised for the beneficiary. When it was all over, tall, stunning, 27-year-old Orlando Diaz took the prize. Maybe you met him while he was visiting here for the Mr.



September '93 Great Buns calendar winners (l) runner-up Ron Metz and new from Boston, the delightful Mike Powers. (Photo: Vern Stewart)

Drummer finals?? If you didn't, you certainly should have! I'll have photos of the new Mr. Spike for you when I get them. Orlando will be competing for the Mr. NY Leather title this weekend at the Roxie.

Good turnout for the Casino Imperial and the Phoenix Uniform Club garage sale netted thousands. The Constantines MC Fall Field Meet was successful and naturally, their beer bust at the Eagle after-

ward was a sell-out. And hey, Mike, the food was good too!

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Here's what's headed your way in the next 96 hours and beyond. Do your best to support the ones you deem worthy of your bucks:

Thursday, Nov. 12: Aquilas MC beer/soda bust at Headquarters bar tonight from 2000-2300 for only \$5.

Weekend Nov. 13-15: Southbay in Motion begins Friday night with a great cabaret show at Big Lil's and a party at Greg's Ballroom afterward. Saturday afternoon there will be a motorcycle run in the morning, a beer-bust and auction at the 641 and the Mr./Ms. Southbay Leather contest at The Works at 2130. Sunday is a leather brunch at 1100, leather faire until 1800 and a beer/soda bust at Renegades beginning at 1400. Call (408) 929-SLUG. I'll see you there!

New York holds another leatherfest all weekend with Mr. Leather New York to be selected Saturday night at the Roxie. Bill Miranda-Salzman has been working long and hard on this one, so if you're in the vicinity, that's the only place to be.

IML Lenny Broberg will be in Oklahoma City for the Mr. Oklahoma Leather Contest so I'll have all the results for you from all three locations next week.

Friday, Nov. 13: A celebration of the life of former International Mr. Leather Coulter Thomas at the Eagle tonight from 2000-2300. Coulter explicitly wanted a party, not a memorial service. Nevertheless, some well-meaning people decided they know better and have also scheduled the service at Grace Cathedral Nov. 14 at 1130, and you're all invited. The party on Friday night will feature great entertainment, music and food. I hope to see all you there.

Saturday, Nov. 14: The Golden Gate Guards are celebrating their sixth anniversary with a party tonight in the Eagle patio from 1900-2200. They'll introduce their new officers at this one by invitation or overlay only. Congratulations!

Sunday, Nov. 15: The Watering Hole celebrates its 15th anniversary today from 1900-2300 with invitations absolutely necessary to gain admission. The Hole's management believes in rewarding their regular and consistent customers. Best wishes for continued success to all the Hole management and staff.

Thurs., Nov. 19: Ed Sparan, Mr. Watering Hole, is having a Turkey Trot dinner tonight at 1900. The beer/soda bust part goes from 1900-2300 and the dinner is from 1900-2100, all for only \$7.

Friday, Nov. 20: In his first fundraiser, Leather Daddy Irwin Kane is having an evening of entertainment at the Eagle from 2000-2300 to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. They're auctioning off dates with your favorite "hunks," food, beer, soda, 50/50 raffle and a "surprise offering" (?) Be there!

Idylls of the Idols

Absolutely no truth to the rumor that Brad Cavalier has been 86'd from the Eagle for eating pussy! Who starts these rumors? Brad takes kidding like a trooper! And he's not Marlene's lover either, so stop it already!

Funny scenario coming your way on Nov. 22. Peter Fiske, the King of Leather, is throwing a Human Dog Show Nov. 22 at the Watering Hole. Prizes and rosettes for the winner and two runners-up and you can sign up by calling 673-0452. Alpo will not be accepted for admission to the beer/soda bust, but \$6 will. Don't miss this one!

Don't tell anybody I told you, but Audrey Joseph owns the rights to leather weekend and all associated titles in Palm Springs, so don't believe what you may have read elsewhere. Lawsuits are pending unless the offender ceases and desists. Apparently someone didn't bother to check with the county clerk there.

Hey, have fun. Remember you will always read it here first, wear your skins and whistle while you lurk (and smirk). ▀

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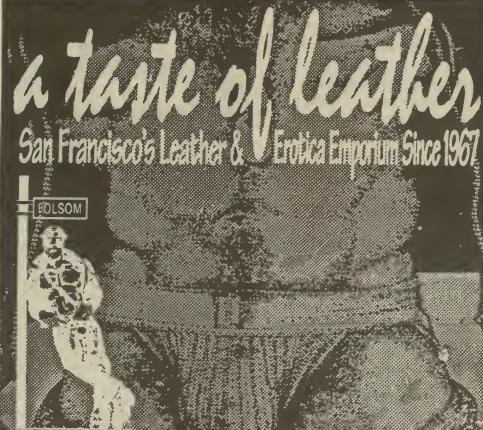
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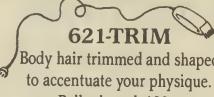
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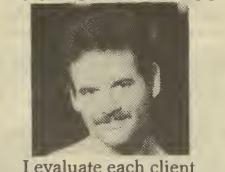


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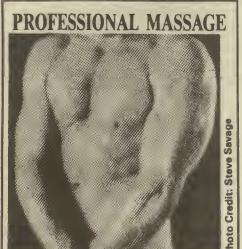
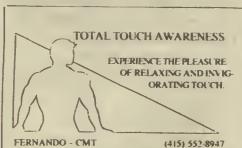
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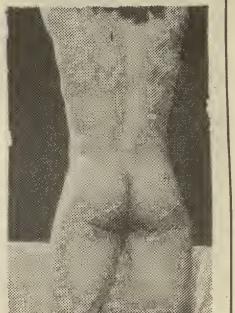
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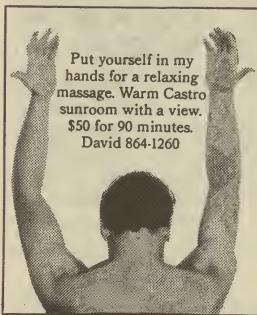
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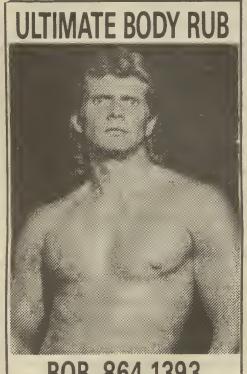
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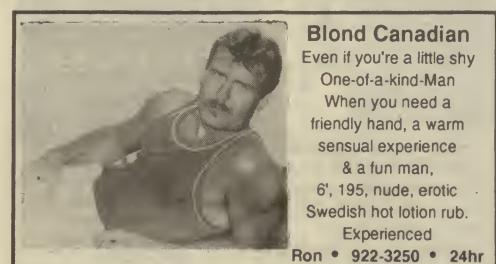
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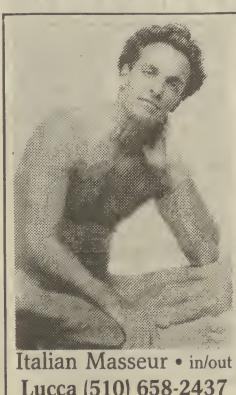
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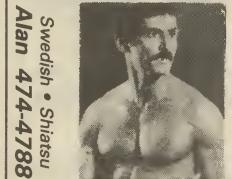
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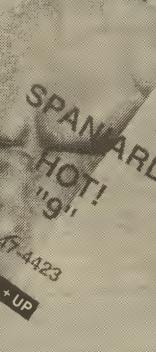
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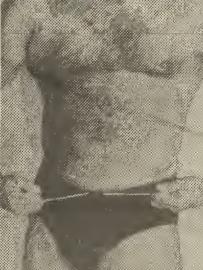

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